

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday 20th September 2022, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States.

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

Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – excused attendance Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central – excused attendance Deputy Stephen George Luce of Grouville and St. Martin – excused attendance

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States

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.

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely -

Sanctions and Asset-Freezing (Implementation of External Sanctions) (Russia – Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Order 2022. Deputy Chief Minister K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity for and on behalf of the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.	R&O.78/2022.
Sanctions and Asset-Freezing (Implementation of External Sanctions) (Russia – Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Order 2022. Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.	R&O.79/2022.
Sanctions and Asset-Freezing (Implementation of External Sanctions) (Russia – Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Order 2022. Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.	R&O.80/2022.
Sea Fisheries (Spider Crabs – Restrictions on Fishing) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2022. <i>Minister for the Environment</i> .	R&O.81/2022.
Sanctions and Asset-Freezing (Implementation of External Sanctions) (Exceptions and Licences – Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2022. <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services</i> .	R&O.82/2022.
Ecclesiastical Legislation (Consequential Amendments - Commencement) (Jersey) Order 2022. <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R&O.83/2022.

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Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Act 2022. <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R&O.84/2022.
Employment (Minimum Wage) (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) Order 2022.	R&O.85/2022.

Employment (Minimum Wage) (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) Order 2022. Minister for Social Security.

Documents presented

Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.80/2022. Com.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): amendment. (P.80/2022 Amd.) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.Com.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): second amendment. (P.80/2022 Amd.(2)) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(2). Com.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): fourth amendment. (P.80/2022 Amd.(4)) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(4). Com.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): fifth amendment (P.80/2022 Amd.(5)) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>the Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(5). Com.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): amendment. (P.80/2022 Amd.(6)) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(6). Com.
Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202: comments. Presented: 24th August 2022, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.88/2022. Com.
Pension Plus Scheme (P.90/2022): comments. Presented: 13th September 2022, <i>the Council of Ministers</i> .	P.90/2022. Com.
Governance of the States of Jersey Police (follow-up) (R.59/2022): Executive Response. Presented: 15th August 2022, <i>Public Accounts Committee</i> .	R.59/2022. Res.
COVID-19 Test and trace and vaccination programmes (R.66/2022): Executive Response. Presented: 15th August 2022, <i>Public Accounts Committee</i> .	R.66/2022. Res.
Governance and decision making during the covid-19 pandemic (R.70/2022): Executive Response. Presented: 15th August 2022, <i>Public Accounts Committee</i> .	R.70/2022. Res.
Cyber security arrangements (R.71/2022): Executive Response. Presented: 15th August 2022, <i>Public Accounts Committee</i> .	R.71/2022. Res.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture – Assistant Ministers. Presented: 22nd July 2022, <i>Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture</i> .	R.99/2022.

Jersey Financial Services Commission Annual Report 2021. Presented: 22nd July 2022, <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services</i> .	R.100/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for Social Security – Assistant Minister. Presented: 22nd July 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	R.101/2022.
Children's Commissioner: Notice of Resignation. Presented: 26th July 2022, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R.102/2022.
Meetings of the States in 2023. Presented: 28th July 2022, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.103/2022. (re-issue)
Renewal of the States of Jersey Complaints Panel Membership. Presented: 28th July 2022, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.104/2022. (re-issue)
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – La Rue de la Petite Falaise, Trinity – Proposed Transfer of New Pavement. Presented: 3rd August 2022, <i>Minister for Infrastructure</i> .	R.105/2022.
Jersey Care Commission Annual Report 2021. Presented: 3rd August 2022, <i>Minister for the Environment</i> .	R.106/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Minister for the Environment – Assistant Minister. Presented: 3rd August 2022, <i>Minister for the Environment</i> .	R.107/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Minister for Children and Education – Assistant Ministers. Presented: 3rd August 2022, <i>Minister for Children and Education</i> .	R.108/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Minister for Home Affairs – Assistant Ministers. Presented: 3rd August 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs</i> .	R.109/2022.
States of Jersey Complaints Board: Findings – Complaint by Mr. S. Newman against the Treasury and Exchequer Department regarding the valuation and calculation of pension entitlements. Presented: 4th August 2022, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.110/2022. (re-issue)
Ministerial Letters August 2022. Presented: 10th August 2022, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R.111/2022.
Jersey Bank Depositors Compensation Board: re-appointment of member. Presented: 22nd August 2022, <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services</i> .	R.112/2022.
Jersey Finance 2021 Annual Accounts and Financial Statements. Presented: 22nd August 2022, <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services</i> .	R.113/2022.
States of Jersey Police: Appointment of Deputy Chief Officer. Presented: 24th August 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs</i> .	R.114/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Chief Minister – appointment of Assistant Chief Minister & delegated responsibility. Presented: 25th August 2022, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R.115/2022.

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States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Minister for Health and Social Services – appointment of Assistant Minister and delegated responsibility. Presented: 26th August 2022, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i> .	R.116/2022.
Review of Health and Community Services (HCS) Clinical Governance Arrangements within Secondary Care. Presented: 26th August 2022, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i> .	R.117/2022.
Review of Health and Community Services (HCS) Clinical Governance Arrangements within Secondary Care: Minister's Response. Presented: 26th August 2022, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i> .	R.117/2022. Res.
Jersey Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2021. Presented: 26th August 2022, <i>Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture</i> .	R.118/2022.
Appointment of Assistant Minister for International Development. Presented: 31st August 2022, <i>Minister for International Development</i> .	R.119/2022.
States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of functions – Minister for Treasury and Resources – delegated authority August 2022. Presented: 31st August 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	R.120/2022.
Jersey Overseas Aid Annual Report 2021. Presented: 31st August 2022, <i>Minister for International Development</i> .	R.121/2022.
Finance Law Delegation Report for the six-month period to 30th June 2022. Presented: 31st August 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	R.122/2022.
Commissioner for Standards Annual Report 2021-2022. Presented: 7th September 2022, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.123/2022.
External Relations Common Policy Report. Presented: 8th September 2022, <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services</i> .	R.124/2022.
Jersey Appointments Commission: Appointment of Chair. Presented: 14th September 2022, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R.125/2022.
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – 11 Mont es Croix, St. Brelade Sale Assisted House Purchase – Transfer by the Public to the Essential Employee's Purchasers. Presented: 20th September 2022, <i>Minister for Infrastructure</i> .	R.126/2022.
Follow-up Review of Mental Health Services (S.R.8/2022): response of the Minister for Health and Social Services. Presented: 31st August 2022, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i> .	S.R.8/2022. Res.
Cost of Living Mini-Budget 2022 Review. Presented: 15th September 2022, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.	S.R.19/2022.

Notification of lodged propositions

Minimum Wage: Alignment with the Living Wage (P.78/2022) – amendment.	P.78/2022.
Lodged: 6th September 2022, Council of Ministers.	Amd.

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Mini-Budget 2022. Lodged: 2nd August 2022, Council of Ministers.	P.80/2022. (re-issue)
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): amendment. Higher personal income tax threshold for over 75s Lodged: 25th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): second amendment. Residential rent controls Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(2).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): third amendment. Community Cost Bonus Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(3).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): third amendment (P.80/2022 Amd.(3)) – amendment. Community Cost Bonus Lodged: 6th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(3). Amd.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): fourth amendment. Personal Income Tax Rate Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(4).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): fifth amendment. Reduction in Social Security Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(5).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): sixth amendment. New Tax Allowance Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South.</i>	P.80/2022. Amd.(6). (re-issue)
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): seventh amendment. Reduction in Marginal Rate Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(7).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): eighth amendment. Community Cost Bonus Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(8).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): ninth amendment. Increase Income Support Components Lodged: 2022, <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central.</i>	P.80/2022. Amd.(9).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): tenth amendment. Social Security Contributions Decrease Lodged: 2022, Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central.	P.80/2022. Amd.(10).
Draft Finance (Budget - Cost of living) (Jersey) Law 202 Lodged: 2nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	P.81/2022. (re-issue)
Draft Finance (Budget - Cost of living) (Jersey) Law 202-: addendum. Lodged: 2nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	P.81/2022. Add. (re-issue)

Draft Social Security (Amendment of Law - Temporary Reduction of Contribution Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202 Lodged: 2nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.82/2022. (re-issue)
Draft Social Security (Amendment of Law - Temporary Reduction of Contribution Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202 (P.82/2022 (re-issue)): amendment Lodged: 13th September 2022, <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central</i> .	P.82/2022. Amd.
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202 Lodged: 2nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.83/2022.
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2022): amendment. Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central</i>	P.83/2022. Amd. (re-issue)
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2022): amendment (P.83/2022 Amd.) – amendment. Lodged: 6th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.83/2022. Amd.Amd.
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2022): second amendment. Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central</i>	P.83/2022. Amd.(2). (re-issue)
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2022): third amendment Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.83/2022. Amd.(3).
Draft Cold Weather Bonus and Payments (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 202 Lodged: 2nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.84/2022.
States of Jersey Development Company Ltd: Appointment of Non-Executive Director. Lodged: 10th August 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	P.85/2022.
Rent Control Tribunal: Nomination of Chairman and Members. Lodged: 17th August 2022, <i>Minister for Housing and Communities</i> .	P.86/2022.
Jersey Police Complaints Authority – Appointment of Members. Lodged: 17th August 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs</i> .	P.87/2022.
Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202 Lodged: 22nd August 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs</i> .	P.88/2022. (re-issue).
Composition of Rent Tribunal. Lodged: 23rd August 2022, Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.	P.89/2022.
Composition of Rent Tribunal (P.89/2022): amendment. Lodged: 6th September 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.89/2022. Amd.
Pension Plus Scheme. Lodged: 23rd August 2022, Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.	P.90/2022.
Cost of living crisis – Measures affecting Andium homes rent increases Lodged: 13th September 2022, <i>Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central</i> .	P.92/2022.

Trainee Minimum Wage Lodged: 13th September 2022, Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North.	P.93/2022.
Draft Income Support (Amendment No. 22) (Jersey) Regulations 202	P.94/2022.
Lodged: 20th September 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	(re-issue).

Withdrawal of lodged propositions

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposers of the following propositions lodged "au Greffe" had informed the Greffier of the States that they had been withdrawn –

Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): amendment. Higher personal income tax threshold for over 75s Lodged: 25th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): seventh amendment. Reduction in Marginal Rate Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(7).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): eighth amendment. Community Cost Bonus Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.80/2022. Amd.(8).
Mini-Budget 2022 (P.80/2022): ninth amendment. Increase Income Support Components Lodged: 2022, <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central.</i>	P.80/2022. Amd.(9).
Draft Community Costs Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202 (P.83/2022): third amendment Lodged: 30th August 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.83/2022. Amd.(3).
Pension Plus Scheme. Lodged: 23rd August 2022, Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.	P.90/2022.

Privileges and Procedures Committee – appointment of member

In accordance with Standing Order 122(9), the following nomination was made by the Connétable of St. Martin, Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, for a member of the Committee who was a member of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee –

Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central.

Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade was nominated by Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade.

THE STATES, having proceeded to a secret ballot, were informed of the following results by the Presiding Officer –

Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central30Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade16

The Bailiff accordingly declared that Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central had been duly appointed as members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Public Accounts Committee – appointment of members

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 123(1), Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, indicated that she wished to increase the number of elected members of the Public Accounts Committee to three, and nominated the Connétable of St. Ouen as a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

There being no other nominations, the Presiding Officer declared that the Connétable of St. Ouen had been duly appointed as an elected member of the Public Accounts Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(1), the following nominations were made by the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee –

Mr. Graeme Phipps Mr. Philip Taylor Mr. Matthew Woodhams.

There having been no further nominations, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(2), the Presiding Officer declared that the above persons had been duly appointed as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee.

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel – appointment of member

In accordance with Standing Order 125(7) the Chair of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel indicated that she wished to increase the size of the Panel to 3 members, including the Chair, and nominated the Connétable of Grouville as a member.

There being no other nominations, the Presiding Officer declared that the Connétable of Grouville had been duly appointed as a member of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.

Appointment of two Members of the Jersey Police Authority

In accordance with Article 5 of the States of Jersey Police Force Law 2012, the following nominations were made by the Minister for Home Affairs for members of the Jersey Police Authority –

Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier Central Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter.

There being no other nominations, the Bailiff declared that Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier Central and Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter had been duly appointed as members of the Jersey Police Authority.

E-petitions

The Presiding Officer informed the Assembly that the e-petition entitled 'Introduce an immediate reduction in road fuel duty' had reached 5,000 signatures and that the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee would, during consideration of the arrangement of public business for future meetings, invite the Assembly to decide whether to consider the e-petition in Committee.

Written Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- WQ.150/2022 1. The Minister for Children and Education had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding extending funded nursery provision.
- WQ.151/2022 2. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding the provision of a rehabilitation ward.
- WQ.152/2022 3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding revenue from personal income taxation.
- WQ.153/2022 4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour regarding the Goods and Services Tax (G.S.T.).
- WQ.154/2022 5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement regarding the double taxation of the Jersey pension.
- WQ.155/2022 6. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central regarding a breakdown of income tax in 2021.
- WQ.156/2022 7. The Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade regarding changes to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.
- WQ.157/2022 8. The Minister for Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central regarding zero-hour contracts and immigrant workers data.
- WQ.158/2022 9. The Minister for Housing and Communities had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South regarding the Reform Jersey 'Housing Crisis Action Plan'.
- WQ.159/2022 10. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 25th July 2022 to a question asked by Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central regarding States of Jersey employees leaving the organisation.
- WQ.160/2022 11. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding revenue generated by High Value Residents.
- WQ.161/2022 12. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy M. R. Scott of St. Brelade regarding the West of Island Planning Framework and the Local Improvement Plan for St Brelade's Bay.
- WQ.162/2022 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding bed shortages.

- WQ.163/2022 14. The Minister for Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy C.A. Alves of St. Helier Central regarding sexual offences in Jersey.
- WQ.164/2022 15. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin regarding improvements in Road Safety.
- WQ.165/2022 16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour regarding Island-wide rates.
- WQ.166/2022 17. The Minister for Housing and Communities had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central regarding rent increases for Andium Homes tenants who had moved in the last two years.
- WQ.167/2022 18. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 20th September 2022 to a question asked by Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central regarding a reduction of hours for the infant feeding specialist.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

OQ.84/2022	1.	Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding eligibility for the Community Cost Bonus.
OQ.79/2022	2.	Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding Stamp Duty.
OQ.82/2022	3.	Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the approach of the Government of Jersey to growing inequality in Jersey.
OQ.91/2022	4.	Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the Health Access Scheme.
OQ.86/2022	5.	Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Housing and Communities regarding the provision of social housing,
OQ.88/2022	6.	Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Children and Education regarding expenditure on cover teaching staff in secondary schools.
OQ.87/2022	7.	Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the decision to pause the housing development in Kensington Place.
OQ.89/2022	8.	Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding guidelines relating to the mixture of materials with green waste.
OQ.83/2022	9.	Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Housing and Communities regarding the prospect of legislation to ban inflationary rent increases and to introduce open-ended tenancies.
OQ.85/2022	10.	Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme.
OQ.90/2022	11.	Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the provision of support for the conversion of households to low-carbon heating systems.

OQ.92/2022 12. Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Vice-Chair of the States Employment Board regarding the payment of the living wage by companies contracted by the Government of Jersey.

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 63(9), a written response would be provided to the following oral questions that had not been asked during the time allowed at the meeting –

- OQ.80/2022 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding revenue generated by sole traders and other unincorporated businesses.
- OQ.76/2022 The Connétable of St. Martin of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the Task Force on Women's Safety.
- OQ.81/2022 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central of the Minister for Social Security regarding the use of the Health Insurance Fund.
- OQ.77/2022 The Connétable of St. Martin of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Assisted Reproduction Unit.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister Health and Social Services for answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Home Affairs answered questions without notice from members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from members.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES, rejected a proposition of Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of the amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central (P.80/2022 Amd.(10)) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Mini-Budget' (P.80/2022) in order that it might be debated at the present meeting –

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 11	CONTRE: 32	ABSTAIN: 1
Connétable of St. Saviour	Connétable of St. Helier	Deputy M.R. Scott
Deputy M. Tadier	Connétable of St. Brelade	
Deputy R.J. Ward	Connétable of Trinity	
Deputy C.S. Alves	Connétable of St. Peter	
Deputy L.J Farnham	Connétable of St. John	
Deputy S.Y. Mézec	Connétable of St. Clement	
Deputy T.A. Coles	Connétable of Grouville	
Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée	Connétable of St. Ouen	
Deputy C.D. Curtis	Connétable of St. Mary	
Deputy L.V. Feltham	Deputy C.F. Labey	
Deputy R.S. Kovacs	Deputy K.F. Morel	
	Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat	
	Deputy S.M. Ahier	
	Deputy I. Gardiner	
	Deputy I.J. Gorst	

Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy P.M. Bailhache Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy L.K.F Stephenson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, agreed that the Assembly would consider the report of the Minister entitled 'External Relations Common Policy Report' (R.124/2022) as the last item of public business at the meeting.

Minimum Wage: Alignment with the Living Wage P.78/2022

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South entitled 'Minimum Wage: Alignment with the Living Wage' (P.78/2022) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers, agreed that –

for the words "to agree in principle that the Minimum Wage should align with the Living Wage, and to give effect to this" there should be substituted the following words -

"(a) to agree in principle that, following any adoption by the States Assembly of a statutory basis for a Living Wage in Jersey, the Minimum Wage should align with the Living Wage; and";

for the existing paragraph (a) there should be substituted the following paragraph -

"(b) to endorse the instructions given by the Minister for Social Security to the Employment Forum to consider whether, by October 2022, the level of the minimum wage should be lifted to the hourly rate of £10;"; and

for the existing paragraph (b) there should be substituted the following paragraph -

"(c) to request that the Minister for Social Security, further to the Act of the States dated 26th November 2021 (in which P.98/2021 (as amended) was adopted), ensures that all investigations, including consultation and engagement with the Employment Forum, in relation to the feasibility of devising a scheme to be brought to the States to convert the Minimum Wage over time to a Living Wage, including any legislative changes that may be necessary, be completed and presented to the States Assembly by end of December 2023."

THE STATES, adopting the proposition of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South, as amended,

(a) agreed in principle that, following any adoption by the States Assembly of a statutory basis for a Living Wage in Jersey, the Minimum Wage should align with the Living Wage;

- (b) endorsed the instructions given by the Minister for Social Security to the Employment Forum to consider whether, by October 2022, the level of the minimum wage should be lifted to the hourly rate of £10; and
- (c) requested that the Minister for Social Security, further to the Act of the States dated 26th November 2021 (in which P.98/2021 (as amended) was adopted), ensured that all investigations, including consultation and engagement with the Employment Forum, in relation to the feasibility of devising a scheme to be brought to the States to convert the Minimum Wage over time to a Living Wage, including any legislative changes that may be necessary, be completed and presented to the States Assembly by end of December 2023.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 43

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J Farnham Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy P.M. Bailhache Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson

Deputy L.K.F Stephenson Deputy M.B. Andrews

Changes in Presidency

Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States, retired from the Chair following consideration of the proposition of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South entitled 'Minimum Wage: Alignment with the Living Wage' (P.78/2022) and the meeting resumed following the lunch adjournment under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff.

Mini-Budget 2022 P.80/2022

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Mini-Budget 2022' (P.80/2022) and rejected an amendment of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South (P.80/2022 Amd.(4)) that a new paragraph (b) should be inserted as follows and the remaining paragraphs re-designated accordingly –

"(b) that, in principle, from the year of assessment 2023 the 20% personal income tax rate should no longer be available (except for High Value Residents, for whom no change is proposed), and personal income tax should instead be charged at a rate of 25% (with all personal income taxpayers being entitled to the allowances and reliefs which are available to marginal rate taxpayers when calculating the amount of income taxable at the rate of 25%), with the Minister for Treasury and Resources directed to bring forward the necessary legislative changes for debate by the Assembly during 2022;".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 11

Deputy M. Tadier Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy M.B. Andrews **CONTRE: 34**

Connétable of St. Helier

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J Farnham Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy P.M. Bailhache Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy R.E. Binet

Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy L.K.F Stephenson

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Thomas Antony Coles of St. Helier South (P.80/2022 Amd.(6)) and the Deputy Bailiff, in accordance with Standing Order 167, ruled that, for the purpose of the debate on the amendment, the reference in the wording of the amendment to "wage" should be taken to mean "income".

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and rejected the amendment of Deputy Thomas Antony Coles of St. Helier South that a new paragraph (b) should be inserted as follows and the remaining paragraphs re-designated accordingly –

"(b) introducing a new personal tax allowance, the effect of which would be to offset any taxation obligations for taxpayers receiving a wage of less than 60% of the annual median weekly wage for the preceding year, with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to bring forward the necessary legislative changes within the 2023 Government Plan for debate by the Assembly during 2022;".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 9

CONTRE: 33

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy C.F. Labey
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
Deputy K.F. Morel
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
Deputy S.M. Ahier
Deputy I. Gardiner
Deputy I.J. Gorst
Deputy L.J Farnham
Deputy K.L. Moore
Deputy P.M. Bailhache
Deputy D.J. Warr
Deputy H.M. Miles
Deputy M.R. Scott
Deputy J. Renouf
Deputy R.E. Binet
Deputy H.L. Jeune
Deputy M.E. Millar

Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy L.K.F Stephenson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and rejected an amendment of Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central (P.80/2022 Amd.(5)) that, in Paragraph (b), for the words "31st December 2022" there should be substituted the words "31st March 2023".

Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 14

CONTRE: 30

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy M. Tadier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy L.J Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée	
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Deputy L.V. Feltham	
Deputy R.S. Kovacs	

Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Mary Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.M. Bailhache Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy L.K.F Stephenson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central (P.80/2022 Amd.(3)) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.80/2022 Amd.(3)Amd.), agreed that, for the words "where no household member had a", there should be substituted the words "that did not have a combined".

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central, as amended, agreed that, after paragraph (c), there should be inserted the following new paragraphs and the remaining paragraphs re-designated accordingly –

- "(d) increasing the current income threshold for access to the Community Cost Bonus to include all those households that did not have a combined a tax liability of more than £2,735 for the previous year;"
- (e) extending the deadline by which applicants must apply for the Community Cost Bonus to no later than six months after the year end to which the application relates, and correspondingly reducing the maximum late application extension to 1 month;"

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 43

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J Farnham Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.M. Bailhache Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward

Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy L.K.F Stephenson

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, and commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South (P.80/2022 Amd.(2)).

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the following members declared an interest in the amendment of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South to the proposition of the Council of Ministers in that they were landlords –

The Connétable of St. Helier The Connétable of St. Peter The Connétable of St. Clement Deputy Carolyn Fiona Labey of Grouville and St. Martin Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity Deputy Thomas John Albert Binet of St. Saviour Deputy Alexander Frederick Curtis of St. Clement

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the following members declared an interest in the amendment of Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South to the proposition of the Council of Ministers in that they were tenants –

The Connétable of St. Clement Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour Deputy Karen Margaret Wilson of St. Clement Deputy Max Brennan Andrews of St. Helier North

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 21st September 2022 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Mini-Budget 2022' (P.80/2022) and the other outstanding propositions listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.26 p.m.

W.J.C. MILLOW

Deputy Greffier of the States