



STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2024

SUMMARY

9.30 a.m. Communications by the Presiding Officer and other announcements

Appointments, matters of privilege, petitions

- (i) Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning
- (ii) President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee
- (iii) Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee
- (iv) Elected Members of the Public Accounts Committee
- (v) Members of the Scrutiny Panels –
 - (a) Corporate Services
 - (b) Economic and International Affairs
 - (c) Environment, Housing and Infrastructure
 - (d) Health and Social Security
- (vi) Members of the Planning Committee
- (vii) Associate Member of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Approx. 11.30 a.m. Oral questions with notice
Up to 2 hours 20 minutes

Urgent questions (if any)

Up to 45 minutes, divided between the three Ministers

Oral questions without notice:

- Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
- Minister for International Development
- Chief Minister

Statements (if any)

Approx 4.00 p.m. **Ceasefire in Gaza.** (P.7/2024 (re-issue)).

Ceasefire in Gaza (P.7/2024): amendment. (P.7/2024 Amd.)

Note: Because of the requirement for a one-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the amendment of the Minister for External Relations will expire on Thursday 29th February 2024. The Minister has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

Jersey Overseas Aid: re-appointment of a Commissioner. (P.4/2024).

Cabinet Office expenditure savings. (P.8/2024).

Arrangement of public business at subsequent meetings

Lunch adjournment likely around 12.45 p.m., until 2.15 p.m.

If business is not completed by around 5.30 p.m. the Assembly usually adjourns for the evening and will resume its meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 28th February, Thursday 29th February and Friday 1st March 2024 if necessary.



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A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Road Traffic (St. Helier) (Amendment No. 42) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.3/2024.
Minister for Infrastructure.

Road Traffic (Trinity) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.4/2024.
Minister for Infrastructure.

Customs and Excise (Import and Export Control) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.5/2024.
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.

Mental Health (Miscellaneous Provisions and Prescribed Forms) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.6/2024.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Wildlife (Areas of Special Protection – Amendment of Prohibited Activities) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.7/2024.
Minister for the Environment.

Road Traffic (St. Clement) (Jersey) Amendment Order 2024. R&O.8/2024.
Minister for Infrastructure.

Environment (2024 Animals and Fisheries Fees) (Jersey) Order 2024. R&O.9/2024.
Minister for the Environment.

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.6/2024): amendment.(P.6/2024 Amd.): Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. P.6/2024.
Presented: 13th February 2024, Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour. Amd.Add.

Ceasefire in Gaza (P.7/2024): amendment (P.7/2024 Amd) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. P.7/2024.
Presented: 22nd February 2024, Minister for External Relations. Amd.Add.

Electronic Patient Record. R.21/2024.
Presented: 8th February 2024, Comptroller and Auditor General.

States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for Infrastructure – Appointment of Assistant Minister. R.22/2024.
Presented: 9th February 2024, Minister for Infrastructure.

Notice Under Article 29A(3) of the States of Jersey Law 2005: Changes to Ministerial Offices. R.23/2024.
Presented: 13th February 2024, Chief Minister.

Jersey Criminal Injuries Compensation Board – Annual Report 2023. R.24/2024.
Presented: 14th February 2024, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.



States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for External Relations – Appointment of Assistant Ministers. R.25/2024.
Presented: 16th February 2024, *Minister for External Relations*.

Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority: Intended Re-appointment of Chair. R.26/2024.
Presented: 16th February 2024, *Minister for Sustainable Economic Development*.

Annual Report of findings 2023. R.27/2024.
Presented: 20th February 2024, *Comptroller and Auditor General*.

Fiscal Policy Panel – Re-appointment of Member. R.28/2024.
Presented: 21st February 2024, *Minister for Treasury and Resources*.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) P.6/2024.
Law 202- (P.6/2024): amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 13th February 2024, *Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour*.

Ceasefire in Gaza (P.7/2024): amendment. P.7/2024.
Lodged: 22nd February 2024, *Minister for External Relations*. Amd.

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

- (i) Selection of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.
- (ii) Appointment of the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.
- (iii) Appointment of the Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.
- (iv) Appointment of the elected Members of the Public Accounts Committee.
- (v) Appointment of the Members of the Scrutiny Panels in the following order –
 - (a) Corporate Services;
 - (b) Economic and International Affairs;
 - (c) Environment, Housing and Infrastructure; and
 - (d) Health and Social Security.
- (vi) Members of the Planning Committee.
- (vii) Associate Member of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly.

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS



I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions

(see attached)

- WQ.4/2024 1. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 29th January 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding vacancies in the Cabinet Office.
- WQ.7/2024 2. The Minister for Housing and Communities tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding rental stabilisation measures.
- WQ.8/2024 3. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding budget allocated to post-16 education.
- WQ.9/2024 4. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the Climate Emergency Fund's income.
- WQ.10/2024 5. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding funding currently allocated to skills development.
- WQ.11/2024 6. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the implementation of changes to the Cabinet Office.
- WQ.12/2024 7. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding funding allocated for Early Years in the Government Plan 2024 – 2027.
- WQ.13/2024 8. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding the Government procurement process.
- WQ.14/2024 9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding transferring funds from the Consolidated Fund to the Strategic Reserve or the Stabilisation Fund.
- WQ.15/2024 10. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding cases involving child abuse.
- WQ.16/2024 11. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding Portuguese as a language option in the curriculum.
- WQ.17/2024 12. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding the number of employees and vacancies within the Planning Department.
- WQ.18/2024 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding misdiagnoses within Health and Community Services.



- WQ.19/2024 14. The Minister for Infrastructure tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding reinstating the re-use centre at La Collette.
- WQ.20/2024 15. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding the Food (Jersey) Law 2023 Regulations.
- WQ.21/2024 16. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding a new Island Plan.
- WQ.22/2024 17. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding skills gaps identified and evidenced by Skills Jersey.
- WQ.23/2024 18. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding apprenticeships.
- WQ.24/2024 19. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the subsidy for apprenticeships.
- WQ.25/2024 20. The Minister for Infrastructure tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding negotiations for the purchase of the Gas Works site.
- WQ.26/2024 21. The Minister for Housing and Communities tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the vacant homes at the Haut du Mont site.
- WQ.27/2024 22. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the report on Jersey's housing market.
- WQ.28/2024 23. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding Portuguese speakers in Jersey.

(b) – Oral Questions

(2 hours 20 minutes)

- OQ.30/2024 1. Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing and Communities –
- “Further to his commitment to bringing in new protections for tenants in residential legislation, including open-ended tenancies as the default, will the Minister provide statistical evidence that confirms that revenge evictions are a systematic problem on the Island?”
- OQ.35/2024 2. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “Will the Chief Minister advise what his plans are for bringing forward a new Common Strategic Policy, and state whether he intends to amend the Government Plan 2024-2027?”
- OQ.31/2024 3. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North will ask the following question of the Minister for International Development –
- “Will the Minister confirm what funding, if any, has been provided to support displaced persons from the ongoing conflict in Gaza?”



- OQ.29/2024 4. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Will the Minister advise how he intends to achieve a reduction in the costs associated with employing locum and agency staff in his Department?”
- OQ.33/2024 5. Deputy L.K.F Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “Given the Island’s declining birth rate and fertility rate of just 1.32 births per woman, coupled with the ageing demographic, will the Chief Minister explain the Government’s position on building a sustainable population and how they intend to achieve this aim?”
- OQ.37/2024 6. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Will the Minister advise whether members of the public can appeal to him regarding clinical decisions made within his Department and how these appeals are dealt with?”
- OQ.36/2024 7. Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South will ask the following question to the Chair of the Comité des Connétables –
- “Further to the recent work carried out on vacant homes which demonstrated we are not making the most of our built environment and revealed that some rate assessments were based on figures over 20 years old, will the Chair commit to undertaking a review of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005, and present to the Assembly the findings of this review within the next 12 months, and if not, why not?”
- OQ.38/2024 8. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –
- “Will the Minister commit to reviewing the High Value Residents (HVRs) taxation regime in light of publications such as The Myth of Millionaire Tax Flight: How Place Still Matters for the Rich and the CAGE working paper Taxation and migration by the super-rich, which contain research demonstrating that jurisdictional taxation increases have little to no effect on where the super-rich choose to be resident, and if not, why not?”
- OQ.32/2024 9. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “Will the Chief Minister advise what consideration, if any, is being given to reforming the public sector and provide details of any proposed changes?”
- OQ.34/2024 10. Deputy L.K.F Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter will ask the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure –
- “Further to the adoption of P.53/2023, will the Minister advise what progress is being made in notifying the Government when properties or areas of significant value to the people of Jersey become available, so that early consideration can be given to potentially acquiring them on behalf of the public?”

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice
(45 minutes)

1st question period – Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

2nd question period – Minister for International Development



3rd question period – Chief Minister

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Ceasefire in Gaza. P.7/2024.
Lodged: 29th January 2024, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.* (re-issue).

Ceasefire in Gaza (P.7/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. P.7/2024.
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Jersey Overseas Aid: re-appointment of a Commissioner. P.4/2024.
Lodged: 12th January 2024, *Minister for International Development.*

Cabinet Office expenditure savings. P.8/2024.
Lodged: 5th February 2024, *Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier South.*

Cabinet Office expenditure savings (P.8/2024): Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. P.8/2024.
Presented: 5th February 2024, *Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier South.* Add.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

19th March 2024

Ethical Standards – States Members. P.75/2023.
Lodged: 26th September 2023, *Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.*

Ethical Standards – States Members (P.75/2023): comments. P.75/2023.
Presented: 10th October 2023, *Privileges and Procedures Committee.* Com.

Offshore Wind. P.82/2023.
Lodged: 17th October 2023, *Council of Ministers.*

Scrutiny Panel constitution: Minimum size. P.94/2023.
Lodged: 7th November 2023, *Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North.*



Appointment of Non-Executive Directors and new Chair to the States of Jersey Development Company. P.95/2023.
(re-issue).
Lodged: 10th November 2023, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Protection of Trees. P.98/2023.
Lodged: 27th November 2023, *Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.*

Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-. P.104/2023.
Lodged: 21st December 2023, *Minister for Children and Education.*

Draft Children and Young People (Jersey) Commencement Act 202-. P.2/2024.
Lodged: 12th January 2024, *Minister for Children and Education.*

16th April 2024

Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202-. P.6/2024.
Lodged: 16th January 2024, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.6/2024): Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. P.6/2024.
Presented: 16th January 2024, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.* Add.

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Presented: 13th February 2024, *Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.* Amd.Add.

L.-M. HART
Greffier of the States

22nd February 2024

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2024 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 28th February, Thursday 29th February and Friday 1st March 2024.



Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.3/2024.

Road Traffic (St. Helier) (Amendment No. 42) (Jersey) Order 2024.

Minister for Infrastructure.

This Order amends the Road Traffic (St. Helier) (Jersey) Order 1996 to increase fees for residents' and business parking permits and extend loading and unloading times in one parking area.

Article 2 amends Article 32 to increase by 10.1% the fees payable for a resident's parking permit and for a business parking permit. The new fees are payable for permits having validity from 1st May 2024. The fees were last increased on 13th July 2023.

Article 3 amends Part 1 of Schedule 10 so that loading and unloading in one parking area on the Esplanade is now permitted from 5 a.m. until midnight (previously 6 p.m.) on each day from Monday to Saturday. It also makes minor style amendments in the same table.

Article 4 provides the title of this Order and for Articles 1, 3 and 4 to come into force 7 days after it is made, while Article 2 comes into force on 1st May 2024.

The Order was made on 7th February 2024. Articles 1, 3 and 4 came into force on 14th February 2024 and Article 2 comes into force on 1st May 2024.

R&O.4/2024.

Road Traffic (Trinity) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Order 2024.

Minister for Infrastructure.

This Order amends the Road Traffic (Trinity) (Jersey) Order 1988 (the "1988 Order").

Article 1 provides that this Order amends the 1988 Order.

Article 2 amends Schedule 2 in relation to the prohibition of vehicles waiting on La Rue d'Asplet and Les Charrières du Boulay, altering the areas where the prohibition applies.

Article 3 amends Part 1 of Schedule 3 in relation to the prohibition of vehicles parking on Les Charrières du Boulay for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period, altering the area where the prohibition applies.

Article 4 introduces the Schedule, which contains minor amendments.

Article 5 gives the citation and provides that this Order comes into force 7 days after it is made.

The Order was made on 9th February 2024 and came into force on 16th February 2024.

R&O.5/2024.

Customs and Excise (Import and Export Control) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order 2024.

Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.

This Order amends Schedule 1 to the Customs and Excise (Import and Export Control) (Jersey) Order 2006 to add XL Bully dogs to the list of dogs for which a licence is required for import or export. It also adds a provision to the Schedule to require that a person must have regard to any guidance issued by the States Veterinary Officer when considering whether a dog is of a listed type.

The Order was made on 12th February 2024 and came into force on 24th February 2024.

**R&O.6/2024.**

Mental Health (Miscellaneous Provisions and Prescribed Forms) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2024.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

This Order amends the Mental Health (Miscellaneous Provisions and Prescribed Forms) (Jersey) Order 2018 by updating the prescribed forms under the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016.

This Order comes into force 7 days after it is made.

The Order was made on 16th February 2024 and came into force on 23rd February 2024.

R&O.7/2024.

Wildlife (Areas of Special Protection – Amendment of Prohibited Activities) (Jersey) Order 2024.
Minister for the Environment.

This Order amends Article 4 of the Wildlife (Areas of Special Protection) (Jersey) Order 2022 (the “2022 Order”) to make it an offence for a person to move or interfere with the boundary, or a cordon or sign marking the boundary, of a breeding area within an Area of Special Protection (as designated by the 2022 Order) during the relevant breeding period for that area, unless the person has the Minister’s written authority to do so. The penalty for committing the offence is a fine of level 3 on the standard scale, in line with the penalty for committing other offences under the 2022 Order.

This Order comes into force 7 days after it is made.

The Order was made on 19th February 2024 and came into force on 26th February 2024.

R&O.8/2024.

Road Traffic (St. Clement) (Jersey) Amendment Order 2024.
Minister for Infrastructure.

This Order amends the Road Traffic (St. Clement) (Jersey) Order 1987 to extend the prohibition on a vehicle waiting (parking) on part of La Rue de Samarès in St. Clement and consequently remove the provision that allowed waiting for up to 12 hours in any period of 24 hours on that same stretch of road.

This Order comes into force 7 days after it is made.

The Order was made on 20th February 2024 and came into force on 27th February 2024.

R&O.9/2024.

Environment (2024 Animals and Fisheries Fees) (Jersey) Order 2024.
Minister for the Environment.

This Order increases, with effect from 1st March 2024, fees charged under legislation relating to animals and veterinary matters, aquatic resources and sea fisheries. It also makes a minor amendment to correct a cross-reference in the Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2016. The fees have been increased by up to 2.5% (subject to rounding) and were last increased on 1st January 2023.

The Order was made on 21st February 2024 and comes into force on 1st March 2024.



Note regarding the appointment processes (See Item F)

Selection of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

The Presiding Officer will invite the Chief Minister to make his nomination for the position of Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning. The Presiding Officer will then invite members to nominate alternative candidates. If there are no alternative nominations, the member nominated by the Chief Minister will speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20-minute question period; after which the member nominated by the Chief Minister will be selected for appointment.

If more than one member is nominated, the Presiding Officer will invite each candidate to speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20-minute question period. The candidates will speak in the order in which they are nominated, meaning that the Chief Minister's nomination will speak first. During the speeches and question period other candidates must withdraw from the Chamber to a place where they cannot hear the proceedings. After the candidates have spoken and been questioned, a recorded vote will be held. Once a candidate has obtained a majority of the votes cast in the recorded vote, he or she will be appointed to the position of Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning. Abstentions do not count as 'votes cast'.

President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee

Standing Order 121(1) provides that the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee shall be appointed from amongst the persons who are members of the Committee.

The Presiding Officer will invite nominations for the position. Only the 6 Chairs (the Chairs of the Public Accounts Committee and the 5 Scrutiny Panels) are eligible for nomination. If there is only one nomination, the member nominated will speak for up to 10 minutes followed by a 20-minute question period; after which the member will be selected for appointment. If there is more than one nomination, each candidate will speak for up to 10 minutes with a 20-minute question period. The candidates will speak and be questioned in the order in which they have been nominated. Other candidates must withdraw from the Chamber during the speeches and question period.

Following the speeches and question periods, a recorded vote will be held until one candidate receives an overall majority of the votes cast. The electronic voting system will be used in any instance where there are two candidates; an open ballot will take place in instances where there are more than two candidates.

Members of the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Standing Order 122 provides that the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee shall nominate 3 elected members who are neither Ministers nor Assistant Ministers as members of the Committee. The Chair, after consultation with the Chief Minister, will also nominate 2 elected members who are each a Minister or an Assistant Minister as members; and she will also nominate one member of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.

After the Chair has made the nominations the Presiding Officer will invite alternative nominations within each of these 3 categories. Only members who meet the relevant criteria are eligible for membership in each category. If alternative nominations are made there will be a secret ballot for membership of the category concerned. In the ballot(s), members have the same number of votes as the number of places to be filled but do not have to use all their votes. The candidate(s) with the largest numbers of votes on any occasion will be elected.

Elected members of the Public Accounts Committee

Standing Order 123(1) provides that the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee shall indicate the number of elected members (being not less than 2) that he or she wishes to have as members of the Committee and should then nominate that number of elected members (who are neither Ministers nor Assistant Ministers) as candidates for appointment. Standing Order 131(1)(b) provides that there must be an even number of



members (but not less than 4) and half must be persons who are not members of the States. Only the elected members will be nominated at this meeting.

After the Chair has made her nominations the Presiding Officer will invite alternative nominations. If alternative nominations are made, a secret ballot will be held.

Members of the Scrutiny Panels

Standing Order 125(1) provides that each Scrutiny Panel shall consist of a number of members (in addition to the Chair) determined by the Chair of the Panel, but not more than 5, who must be elected members who are not Ministers or Assistant Ministers. There is no limit on the number of Scrutiny Panels of which an elected member may be a member.

After announcing the number of members that he or she wants, the Chair of each Panel (in the order shown in the Order Paper) will make his or her nominations. The Presiding Officer will invite alternative nominations and, if alternative nominations are made, a secret ballot will be held.

Members of the Planning Committee

Standing Order 125A(1) provides that the Planning Committee shall consist of a number of members (in addition to the Chair) determined by the Chair of the Committee, but not less than 3 and not more than 9. Standing Order 141A provides that the following cannot be members of the Committee: Ministers and any Assistant Minister for the Environment discharging the Ministerial functions relating to planning under the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002.

After announcing the number of members that he wants, the Chair of the Committee will make his nominations. The Presiding Officer will invite alternative nominations and, if alternative nominations are made, a secret ballot will be held.

Associate Member of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

Nominations will be invited from the floor at the meeting for the position of Associate Member and each nomination will need to be seconded (in accordance with Standing Order 102). If there is more than one nomination, a secret ballot will be held. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast in the ballot the candidate with the lowest number of votes will withdraw from the contest and a further secret ballot will be held. This process will be repeated as necessary until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

Jersey was invited to join the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body (as BIPA was known until 2008) in 2000 although Jersey's initial involvement was limited. The history of the Body is available on its website (www.britishirish.org).

The running of the Body and the control of its business is in the hands of a Steering Committee consisting of 3 Members from Dublin, 3 from Westminster, and 3 from among the other participating institutions, led by the 2 Co-Chairs, one from Westminster and one from Dublin. The 3 Crown Dependencies have one place on the Committee between them and this is filled on an annual rotation basis. Jersey last filled the Crown Dependency place on the Committee in 2020.

The Body is funded by grant-in-aid from the Treasury in London and the Department of Finance in Dublin. The day-to-day administration is carried out by 2 Clerks, one from Dublin and one from Westminster, with assistance from several of their colleagues from both jurisdictions.

There are normally 2 Plenary sessions every year, of a day and a half or 2 days each, which provide a forum for the mutual exchange of views between parliamentarians. Each Plenary has a Question Time at which a Minister from the host country answers Questions (of which notice is given in the Programme of Business). Apart from the Ministerial Statement and Questions, the main business is always a debate on a motion on Recent Political Developments.



The primary function of Plenary Sessions is to provide a forum for debate and the exchange of views, while the day-to-day work of the Body is carried out through its 4 Committees: Committee A deals with Sovereign (i.e. East-West) Matters, Committee B covers European Affairs, Committee C is concerned with Economic Affairs, and Committee D with Environmental and Social Affairs. Each Committee has a Chair from one delegation and a Shadow Chair from the other, so that the British and the Irish each have 2 full Chairs. They are supported by 4 Clerks from Westminster and, from the Irish side, 2 officers from the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Steering Committee assigns each full Member of the Body and each Associate to one of the 4 Committees, normally by agreement with the person concerned, and with an eye both to party-political balance and equality of representation from the delegations.

The total membership of the Body at present is –

- 25 members of the Oireachtas (plus up to 20 Associate members);
- 25 members of the UK Parliament (including peers) (plus up to 20 Associate members);
- 5 members of the Welsh Parliament (plus up to 4 Associate members);
- 5 members of the Northern Ireland Assembly (plus up to 4 Associate members);
- 5 members of the Scottish Parliament (plus up to 4 Associate members);
- one member of Tynwald (plus one Associate member);
- one member of the States of Jersey (plus one Associate member); and
- one member of the States of Guernsey (plus one Associate member).

The Associate Member is invited to attend meetings of BIPA if the Member is unavailable.



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 29th January 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North –

“Will the Chief Minister state the current number of employees and vacancies within the Cabinet Office?”

2. The Minister for Housing and Communities tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North –

“Will the Minister advise whether he intends to propose rental stabilisation measures and, if he does, explain the type and extent of such measures?”

3. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North –

“Will the Minister state the total overall budget allocated to post-16 education and provide, for each of the following, the total budget and a breakdown of that budget per student per academic year –

- (a) A-level funding at Hautlieu School;
- (b) A-level equivalent funding at Highlands College;
- (c) apprenticeships at Highlands College; and
- (d) apprenticeships through private providers in different sectors?

4. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister state the Climate Emergency Fund’s total expected income for the period 2022 to 2026; and will he advise how much additional income it is estimated would have accrued to the Fund in 2023 and 2024 had fuel duty been uprated in line with inflation in the last two Government Plans?”

5. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 12th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity –

“Will the Minister state the amount of funding currently allocated to skills development in Jersey; and advise whether there are any plans to develop a new skills and careers strategy and, if so, whether a new strategy will require additional funding to be implemented?”

6. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North –

“Will the Chief Minister advise what plans, if any, he has to implement changes to the Cabinet Office?”



7. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity –

“Will the Minister provide details of the funding allocated for Early Years in the Government Plan 2024 – 2027, including any funding available to support parents to return to work; and will he advise what plans, if any, he has to enhance this support?”

8. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity –

“Will the Minister detail how social values and ethical purchasing are integrated in the Government procurement process, and the weighting given to these matters and value for money requirements; and will he explain whether there is any plan to evaluate this process and if so, when, and if not, why not?”

9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North –

“Will the Minister advise what consideration, if any, has been given to transferring funds from the Consolidated Fund to the Strategic Reserve or the Stabilisation Fund; and will she provide details of any proposed transfers?”

10. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North –

“Will the Minister provide the number of cases involving child abuse that were reported to the States of Jersey Police during the period 2019 to 2023; and will she advise how many led to prosecutions and convictions?”

11. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister advise whether there are any plans to offer Portuguese as a language option in the curriculum and as part of the normal school day for all students (including those who do not have Portuguese as a home language) alongside other language options?”

12. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South –

“Will the Minister state the current number of employees and vacancies within the Planning Department, broken down by job title, and advise what roles are currently filled by overseas or agency staff?”

13. The Minister for Health and Social Services tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South –

“Regarding misdiagnoses within Health and Community Services will the Minister detail –

- (a) how instances of misdiagnosis are recorded;
- (b) what procedures are in place to prevent misdiagnoses from being repeated; and
- (c) whether the number of misdiagnoses is compared with other jurisdictions, and if so, how they compare?”



14. The Minister for Infrastructure tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central –

“Further to the adoption of P.65/2023, will the Minister detail what progress, if any, has been made in reinstating the re-use centre at La Collette, and provide an indication of when it will be open?”

15. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central –

“Will the Minister provide an update on the progress being made on bringing forward the Food (Jersey) Law 2023 Regulations, including the labelling of allergens in food?”

16. The Minister for the Environment tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister outline his proposed schedule for the production of a new Island Plan, including a review of the current Island Plan; and clarify if he intends to make any Orders under Part 2, section 4 and Part 3, section 5 of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002?”

17. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North –

“Will the Minister advise what skills gaps have been identified and evidenced by Skills Jersey using Skills Barometer and Market Research; and detail the number of apprenticeships that will be required over the next 5 years to fill any gaps identified?”

18. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North –

“Regarding apprenticeships will the Minister detail –

- (a) the number of individuals undertaking apprenticeships this academic year;
- (b) the cost per academic year of offering the following apprenticeships;
 - (i) Bricklaying;
 - (ii) Childcare;
 - (iii) Electrical;
 - (iv) Health and Social Care;
 - (v) Motor Vehicle; and
 - (vi) Plumbing;
- (c) the average cost per academic year of offering all types of apprenticeships;
- (d) the 2023/2024 revenue expenditure budget available through the Tracker programme to support individuals and businesses with apprenticeships; and
- (e) the 2023/2024 revenue expenditure budget that would be required to provide individuals with 100% apprenticeship funding?”



19. The Minister for Children and Education tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North –

“As the maximum subsidy for apprenticeships is £1,600 per academic year and any costs over and above this need to be met by the apprentice or employer, will the Minister state, for each of the last three years –

- (a) the number of businesses and apprentices that have received the full subsidy;
- (b) the number of businesses and apprentices that have received a partial subsidy;
- (c) the number of businesses and apprentices that have received no subsidy;
- (d) where a partial, or no, subsidy has been received by either business or individual, the reasons they did not receive the full amount;
- (e) of the businesses identified in (a) (b) and (c), the number that employed 10 or fewer employees and the number that employed over 10 employees; and
- (f) of the apprentices identified in (a) (b) and (c), the number that were aged 18 and under and the number that were over the age of 18?”

20. The Minister for Infrastructure tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South –

“Will the Minister advise what negotiations, if any, have taken place, between his Department and Andium Homes with regard to the purchase of the Gas Works site by the Government; and, if negotiations have taken place, will he advise whether the potential purchase price will equate to the costs incurred by Andium Homes and what that price is?”

21. The Minister for Housing and Communities tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South –

“Following the partial demolition of the Haut du Mont site, will the Minister advise what steps, if any, are being taken to bring the currently vacant homes back into use and when it is estimated they can be occupied?”

22. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South –

“Will the Chief Minister advise when the report on Jersey’s housing market prepared by Dame Kate Barker will be published?”

23. The Chief Minister tabled an answer on 19th February 2024 to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“Will the Chief Minister –

- (a) provide an estimate of the total number of –
 - (i) Portuguese speakers in Jersey, and as a percentage of the Island’s population;
 - (ii) Portuguese-speaking students in Jersey, and as a percentage of Jersey’s student population; and
- (b) state whether Portuguese is the most commonly-spoken language in Jersey after English?”



Explanatory Note regarding the main respondents for items listed under Public Business

(Item L)

In accordance with Standing Order 104A, a time limit of 15 minutes applies to speeches made during debate, unless discretion has been exercised to allow for a longer, or shorter, time limit. No time limit applies to either speech made by the proposer.

Discretion is exercised by the Presiding Officer in accordance with guidance issued by the Bailiff, following consultation with the Privileges and Procedures Committee. The current guidance was presented to the States in the report 'Time Limits on Speeches in Debates: Guidance on the Exercise of Discretion' (R.3/2021). The report states that discretion may be exercised to allow for a longer speech than 15 minutes where the member speaking is designated as the 'main respondent' to the debate.

The following members have been identified as the main respondents in the debates listed to occur at this meeting –

Debate	Main Respondent(s)
Ceasefire in Gaza. (P.7/2024 (re-issue)).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister for External Relations
Ceasefire in Gaza (P.7/2024): amendment. (P.7/2024 Amd.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade
Jersey Overseas Aid: re-appointment of a Commissioner. (P.4/2024).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel
Cabinet Office expenditure savings. (P.8/2024).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister for Treasury and Resources



ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE
(See Item I(c))

Questions without notice 2024

1st Session 2024

19th March	Infrastructure	Social Security	Chief Minister
16th April	Sustainable Economic Development	Treasury and Resources	Chief Minister
21st May	Children and Education	Environment	Chief Minister
11th June	External Relations	Health and Social Services	Chief Minister
25th June	Housing and Communities	Infrastructure	
16th July	International Development	Justice and Home Affairs	Chief Minister

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10th September	Social Security	Sustainable Economic Development	Chief Minister
1st October	Treasury and Resources	Children and Education	Chief Minister
22nd October	Environment	External Relations	Chief Minister
12th November	Health and Social Services	Housing and Communities	Chief Minister
26th November	Infrastructure	International Development	Chief Minister
10th December	Justice and Home Affairs	Social Security	Chief Minister