

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT STATES OF JERSEY (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS No. 8) (MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFERS) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201- (P.46/2015): SECOND AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 1st December 2015  
by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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**PAGE 16, REGULATION 6 –**

For paragraph (2) substitute –

“(2) However, the functions of the Minister for Treasury and Resources in standing order 168 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey are not transferred.”.

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

## REPORT

The Panel will be issuing Comments on *P.46/2015 Draft States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 8) (Miscellaneous Transfers) (Jersey) Regulations 201-*.

This amendment deals with the transfer of Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) from the Department of Treasury and Resources (T&R) to the Department of Transport and Technical Services (TTS).

The Panel recognises the potential cost saving and synergies of transferring the maintenance of the property portfolio to TTS however, as detailed within its Comments, the Panel strongly consider that strategic direction should remain in T&R. This amendment seeks to achieve the divide of those 2 functions.

The Panel received advice from Concerto who acted as expert advisors on its review. Concerto briefed the Panel on the many ways of configuring real estate solutions presenting various global models as to how this had been achieved in other jurisdictions.

Within its Comments, the Panel raises concern around the lack of a business case or feasibility study. The Panel is also concerned that the transfer is based on a “follow the man” strategy as opposed to being based on a rational business plan. The Panel has concerns that this structure is not sustainable. The Panel also has concerns around how the transfer, as proposed, would work post 2018 elections when there is a likelihood that roles and positions would change.

The Panel was advised that certain aspects of JPH being remote from T&R could bring some dis-benefits as there would be a slightly weaker link between the finances and the strategic planning process. Concerto told the Panel “...it seems odd to me that something as profound as this, the nation’s assets are in JPH, or much of the assets are in JPH and to move that into another configuration without any appraisal seems strange...”<sup>1</sup>

The Panel wishes to bring this amendment to allow the asset side of JPH to remain within T&R. The Panel’s amendment will allow all functions be transferred to TTS save for those listed in Standing Order 168 under Land Transactions. The Panel believe this split of responsibilities will play to the strengths of both Departments. The Panel urges Members to vote for this amendment.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

As this amendment retains the current system of approval of transactions there are no additional financial or manpower implications.

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<sup>1</sup> Concerto Transcript – page 7