

STATES OF JERSEY



GOVERNMENT PLAN 2020–2023 (P.71/2019): TWENTY-THIRD AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 13th November 2019
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STATES GREFFE

PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

After the words “of the Report” insert the words “, except that in Summary Table 3(i) the Head of Expenditure for Health and Community Services shall be increased by £91,000 to allow for an Infant Feeding Lead for the Maternity Department and two part-time peer supporters to be employed to support mothers wishing to breastfeed, with other affected lines in Summary Table 3(i) to be updated accordingly; and to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to arrange for this to be funded from the Consolidated Fund”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to receive the Government Plan 2020–2023 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (“the Law”) and specifically –

- (a) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2020 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law; and
- (b) to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2020 and the total cost of each such project, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report; and
- (c) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2020, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 3(i) and (ii) of the Report, except that in Summary Table 3(i) the Head of Expenditure for Health and Community Services shall be increased by £91,000 to allow for an Infant Feeding Lead for the Maternity Department and two part-time peer supporters to be employed to support mothers wishing to breastfeed, with other affected lines in Summary Table 3(i) to be updated accordingly; and to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to arrange for this to be funded from the Consolidated Fund; and

- (d) to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2020 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 4 to the Report; and
- (e) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation’s trading fund for 2020 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 5 to the Report; and
- (f) to approve –
 - (i) the establishment of a “Climate Emergency Fund”, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Law, as set out at Appendix 3 to the Report; and
 - (ii) the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2020 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 to the Report; and
- (g) to approve the amounts to be transferred from one States fund to another for 2020 in line with Article 9(2)(b) as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report; and
- (h) to approve the estimated income and expenditure of the Social Security, Health Insurance and Long-Term Care Funds for 2020 set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 8(i), (ii) and (iii) to the Report, with –
 - (i) the estimated income to be raised from existing social security contributions defined in the Social Security Law and the proposed changes to contribution liability; and
 - (ii) the estimated expenditure to be paid to support the existing benefits and functions defined in the Social Security Law, the Health Insurance Law and the Long-Term Care Funds and new benefits, if any, to be paid from the Funds; and
- (i) to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2020–2023, as set out at Appendix 4 to the Report.

REPORT

This amendment creates a full-time Infant Feeding Lead for the Maternity Department and two part-time peer supporters, who will provide breastfeeding support and guidance to nursing mothers in Jersey. The Infant Feeding Lead will support the work of the established UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative Project Lead, providing continuity between the maternity ward and community provision. Responsibilities will also include training and supervising peer supporters, running breastfeeding clinics, and ensuring that every mother receives specialist breastfeeding advice within a set timeframe after giving birth.

Financial and manpower implications

These are as described within the amendment.

£71,000 will meet the cost of the full-time Infant Feeding Lead. This equates to the cost per annum of a Basic Midwife (top of scale) and employer costs, which are 21% of salary.

The two part-time peer supporters, who will be paid the equivalent of Nurses and Midwives Grade 2, will work 10 hours a week and cost £9,855 to £10,378 per annum per person.