

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **GOVERNMENT PLAN 2020–2023 (P.71/2019): NINTH AMENDMENT (P.71/2019 Amd.(9)) – THIRD AMENDMENT**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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**1 PAGE 2, NEW PARAGRAPH 1 –**

Insert a new paragraph 1 into the ninth amendment as follows, and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly –

**“1 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 Customer and Local Services should be increased by £1,450,000, and the Head of Expenditure for Treasury and Exchequer should be decreased by £1,450,000, to reflect a 100% disregard for income from Parental Allowance for households in receipt of an Income Support and a reduction in the Grant to the Social Security fund;”.

**2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 2 (renumbered as paragraph 3 of the ninth amendment) –**

- (1) In the inserted sub-paragraph (1), for the word “Maternity” substitute the words “the proposed Parental”; and for the word “January” substitute the word “July”.
- (2) In the inserted sub-paragraph (2), after the words “amount payable” insert the words “to each parent from July 2020”; for the word “Maternity” substitute the word “Parental”; and for the sum “£3,000,000” substitute the sum “£1,500,000”.
- (3) In the inserted sub-paragraph (3), after the words “Support award” insert the words “from July 2020”; and for the sum “£2.9 million” substitute the sum “£1.45 million”.

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

**1 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 Customer and Local Services should be increased by £1,450,000, and the Head of Expenditure for Treasury and Exchequer should be decreased by £1,450,000, to reflect a 100% disregard for income from Parental Allowance for households in receipt of an Income Support and a reduction in the Grant to the Social Security fund;”.

**2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (h)(i) –**

After the words “contribution liability” insert the words “, except that the Upper Earnings Limit shall be increased from the proposed £250,000 to £500,000, and the percentage rate levied on Class 1 employers and Class 2 contributors on earnings between the Standard Earnings Limit and the Upper Earnings Limit shall be increased from the proposed 2.5% to 4%, increasing the estimated closing balance on the Social Security Fund shown in Summary Table 8(i) by £8,700,000”.

**3 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (h) –**

At the end of paragraph (h), insert the words –

“to request the Minister for Social Security to –

- (1) bring forward proposals to the States to extend the period covered by **the proposed Parental Allowance** under the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974 from 18 to 26 weeks, with effect from **July 2020**, at an estimated cost of £3,000,000 in 2020;
- (2) raise the maximum amount payable **to each parent from July 2020** as **Parental Allowance** under the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974 from £222 to £280 weekly, at an estimated cost of **£1,500,000** in 2020; and
- (3) amend the Income Support (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2008 in order to introduce a 100% disregard for income from Parental Benefit for households in receipt of an Income Support award **from July 2020**, at an estimated cost of **£1.45 million** in 2020; and”.

## **REPORT**

This amendment will delay the starting date for the increases in parental leave support proposed in the [ninth amendment](#) to [P.71/2019](#), to enable the Social Security Department to prepare the necessary legislative and systematic changes to implement these proposals.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

As the changes proposed will be delayed to halfway through the year, the estimated costs of providing extra parental leave support will be half of that initially proposed.