

# STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

## **DRAFT AMENDMENT (NO. 43) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 5th August 2019  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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## REPORT

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This draft Amendment to Standing Orders, if adopted, would alter the lodging deadlines which apply to the Government Plan and to amendments to the Government Plan.

Under Standing Order 26, the minimum lodging period for the Government Plan is currently 12 weeks. Amendments to the Government Plan must be lodged for a minimum of 2 weeks; and amendments to amendments for a minimum of 1 week.

The Privileges and Procedures Committee (“PPC”) discussed this matter at its meeting on 17th June 2019. It was noted at that time that the Council of Ministers, having also previously discussed the matter, had suggested extending the minimum lodging periods for amendments to the Government Plan, and for amendments to such amendments, to 3 weeks and 2 weeks respectively. The rationale for this was to allow sufficient time for the implications of any amendments (or amendments to amendments) to be identified and discussed; something that can prove challenging with the lodging periods as they currently stand.

PPC has accepted this suggestion and the proposed amendment would therefore increase the minimum lodging period for amendments to the Government Plan, and to amendments to such amendments, to 3 weeks and 2 weeks accordingly. However, PPC is also proposing to increase the minimum lodging period for the Government Plan itself to 14 weeks. States members will not therefore lose any time, once the Government Plan is lodged, in order to prepare amendments compared to what they are currently afforded under Standing Order 26. PPC has noted that the Government Plan this year will ultimately have been lodged for longer than 14 weeks before it is debated in any event, as was the case for the Budget in 2018.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from the adoption of this Amendment to Standing Orders.



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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This Amendment of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey amends standing order 26 in respect of the minimum lodging periods relating to a government plan. It extends the minimum lodging period from 12 weeks to 14 weeks, the minimum period for lodging an amendment from 2 weeks to 3 weeks and for an amendment to an amendment from 1 week to 2 weeks.





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Made *[date to be inserted]*

Coming into force *[date to be inserted]*

**THE STATES** make the following Amendment to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey<sup>1</sup> under Article 48 of the States of Jersey Law 2005<sup>2</sup> –

### 1 Standing Order 26 (Minimum lodging period) amended

In standing order 26 –

- (a) in paragraph (4), for “paragraphs (3), (3A), (4AA) and (4A)” there is substituted “paragraphs (3), (3A) and (4A)”;
- (b) in paragraph (4A), for “12 weeks” there is substituted “14 weeks”;
- (c) in paragraph (5)(b), for “6, 8 or 12 weeks” there is substituted “6 weeks”;
- (d) after paragraph (5)(b), there is inserted –
  - “(c) in relation to a government plan –
    - (i) for an amendment, 3 weeks,
    - (ii) for an amendment to an amendment, 2 weeks.”.

### 2 Citation and commencement

This Amendment may be cited as Amendment (No. 43) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey and comes into force on the day after the day it is made.

## ENDNOTES

### Table of Endnote References

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<i>1</i>	<i>chapter 16.800.15</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>chapter 16.800</i>