

STATES OF JERSEY



GOVERNMENT PLAN: ASSESSMENTS OF PLANNED EFFICIENCY SAVINGS (P.88/2019) – AMENDMENT (P.88/2019 Amd.) – AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 1st October 2019
by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier**

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PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

After the words “each year,” delete the words “as part of” and insert the words “to be included as a separate paragraph within”; after the words “seeking the Assembly’s” insert the word “specific”; and after the words “endorsement of” insert the words “each of”.

DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER

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

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

- (a) to request the Public Accounts Committee, throughout the life of the Government Plan, to undertake detailed 6-monthly assessments of the planned efficiency savings, specifying the expected impact on the ongoing delivery of public services, by Minister, Department and CSP priority, accompanied by a comparable comprehensive review of the real impact of the previous 6 months’ efficiencies; and
- (b) to agree that the Council of Ministers is requested to bring forward detailed proposals each year, to be included as a separate paragraph within the Government Plan proposition, seeking the Assembly’s specific endorsement of each of the efficiencies contained in the Government Plan.

REPORT

The purpose of my proposition is to give some control to the Assembly over the impact of the efficiency savings on the delivery of services.

Whilst it is clear that the Council of Ministers is committed to providing the Assembly with a clear understanding of any efficiencies, the Council misses the point of my proposal, which is to have the efficiencies endorsed by the States, or not, in a specific and separate vote. The [Chief Minister's amendment](#) fails to do this, as it presents the efficiencies as the penultimate row of Summary Table 3(i) and asks only for approval for the Heads of Expenditure and not the efficiencies separately. I believe that my proposal for the efficiencies to be included as a separate paragraph meets this need.

This proposition requires much more than a simple report. It requires the Public Accounts Committee to examine the impact on the delivery of public services of the previous and future efficiency savings, and then for the Council of Ministers to bring a proposition each year in order to get the Assembly's endorsement of its actions.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment to the amendment.