

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
2nd December 1997 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Philip Bailhache

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
General Sir Michael Wilkes, K.C.B., C.B.E,
was present.

All members were present with the exception of -

Robert Lester Le Brocq, Connétable of St.
Helier - out of the Island
Michael Adam Wavell, Deputy of St.
Saviour - out of the Island
David Leon Crespel, Deputy of Trinity - out
of the Island
Jacqueline Jeannette Huet, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.

Prayers

H.M. The Queen and Prince Philip's Golden
Wedding Anniversary - reply

The Bailiff informed the Assembly that His
Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey had
received the following message from the Private
Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen -

``The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have
asked me to thank you most sincerely for
your message of good wishes on the occasion
of their Golden Wedding, which you have
sent on behalf of yourself, Bailiff, States
and people of Jersey.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness have very fond memories of their visit to Jersey in 1989, and were touched by your kind words as they mark this happy anniversary."

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid before the States, namely -

1. Building Bye-Laws (Amendment) (Jersey) 1997. R & O 9177.
2. Island Planning (Fees) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 1997. R & O) 9178.

Matter presented

The following matter was presented to the States on 25th November 1997 -

Car park at Le Riches Stores Limited, Red Houses, St. Brelade: petition (P.129/97) - report - P.187/97.
Presented by the Planning and Environment Committee.

Matter noted - acceptance of tender

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee, dated 24th November 1997, showing that, in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that the Health and Social Services Committee had accepted the second lowest of seven tenders, namely that submitted by Cameron Building Contractors Limited in the sum of £308,933 in a contract period of 23 weeks for the extension of the Crematorium, Westmount Road, St. Helier. The higher cost of this tender would be offset by the increased benefit to be obtained by the lower contract period.

Matters lodged

The following matters were lodged ``au Greffe" on 25th November 1997 -

1. Part of Field 776, Old
Brickfield Lane, St. Saviour:
development in green zone - P.188/97.
Presented by the Planning and
Environment Committee.
2. Draft Financial Services
Commission (Jersey) Law 199
(P.163/97): amendment - P.189/97
(Revised).
Lodged: 11th November 1997.
Presented by the Finance and Economics
Committee.

Arrangement of public business for the next
meeting on 9th December 1997

THE STATES confirmed that the following matter,
deferred from 18th November 1997, would be
considered on 9th December 1997 -

Anne Port Rock Face, St. Martin: remedial
work - P.153/97.
Lodged: 14th October 1997.
Deputy F.J. Hill of St. Martin.

Anne Port Rock Face, St. Martin:
remedial work (P.153/97): comments -
P.170/97.
Presented: 4th November 1997.
Finance and Economics Committee.

THE STATES agreed that the following
matters lodged "au Greffe" would be considered
at the next meeting on 9th December 1997 -

Draft Financial Services Commission
(Jersey) Law 199 - P.163/97.
Lodged: 4th November 1997.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Financial Services Commission
(Jersey) Law 199 (P.163/97): amendment -
P.189/97 (Revised).
Finance and Economics Committee.

St. Helier Waterfront
area: acquisition of contested
interest - P.171/97.
Lodged: 11th November 1997.
Policy and Resources Committee.

Draft Terms of Employment (Amendment

No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 199 -
P.172/97.
Lodged: 18th November 1997.
Employment and Social
Security Committee.

Draft Royal Court (Possession Orders)
(Jersey) Law 199 - P.175/97.
Lodged: 18th November 1997.
Legislation Committee.

Part of Field 776, Old
Brickfield Lane, St. Saviour: development
in green zone - P.188/97.
Planning and
Environment Committee.

Jersey Consumer Council: legal
charges and practices - P.165/97.
Lodged: 4th November 1997.
Senator R.J. Shenton.

Millennium town park: petition - P.190/97

Deputy Alan Simon Crowcroft of St. Helier
presented to the States a petition on behalf
of the inhabitants of the Island regarding a
Millennium Town Park.

THE STATES referred the petition to the
Planning and Environment, Public Services and
Policy and Resources Committees, and Deputy
Crowcroft lodged ``au Greffe" a proposition to
the effect that the prayer of the petition be
granted.

Leachate at Crabbé and Beauport - questions and
answers (Tape No. 419)

Deputy Philip John Rondel asked Deputy Jeremy
Laurence Dorey of St. Helier, President of the
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, the
following questions -

``1. Would the President inform members
of -

(a) the cost of -

(i) removing leachate from the
Crabbé site since February
1997?

(ii) treating the leachate removed from the Crabbé site since that date?

(b) the financial return to date from the sale of compost from the Crabbé site?

2. Would the President inform members -

(a) of the volume of leachate that has been removed from the Beauport site this year, and the costs that it has incurred in this operation?

(b) how much longer he expects leachate to continue to be removed from this site?"

The President of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee replied as follows -

1.(a)(i) The leachate is, of course, mixed with rain water that falls on the site and so the cost is for the removal by a contractor of all liquid from the area. The cost from 1st February to 31st October has been £43,427.97.

(ii) No payment has so far been made to the Public Services Committee for treating the liquid but the charge for the period April to September is £4,814.00

Any method that ensures soil and ground water pollution is minimised has to have a cost. When the Committee has the funds available to treat the leachate on site, however, the cost will decrease and the liquid may well be incorporated into the composting process.

(b) The return to date is nil. Currently we have approximately 1,000 tonnes of compost maturing and buyers actively looking to purchase. However until the Committee is satisfied that the product is consistently safe, none will be released. I am delighted to tell members that 10 days ago the site was inspected by a member of the Soil Association and I quote from that

report -

The Soil Association has, during the past few years, licensed several green waste composting sites in the United Kingdom for production of compost suitable for use in organic agriculture. Such sites are a source of sustainable and renewable soil fertility and fit in well with the organic ethos - that which comes from the earth should go back to it.

I inspected the site at Crabbé on behalf of the Soil Association in November 1997 to investigate whether the composted waste produced at Crabbé would be eligible for the Soil Association symbol. This symbol would verify that the compost meets the stringent standards laid down for organic certification and that the product could be used by organic producers. I found the process and activity at the site most impressive.

Subject to satisfactory analysis and providing that the Soil Association Certification Committee approves the process at Crabbé, it is likely that the compost will be licensed by the Soil Association for use by organic and other producers early in the new year.

Jan Deanes
Soil Association'.

All currently available information indicates that there is a strong potential market, locally and in the United Kingdom, for good quality organic compost.

I would not wish members to be left in any doubt, however, that while there may be an element of income, composting can never be a wholly self financing operation.

Composting is a means of dealing with organic waste, in the same way

that Bellozanne is a means of dealing with a range of waste. The deliveries to the Crabbé site are equivalent to over a third of the material delivered to Bellozanne. Dealing effectively with this volume of waste is an unavoidable problem for the Island - 25,000 tonnes of agricultural and household organic waste cannot simply be ignored. Members should be aware that if the composting operation does not continue the environmental effect on the Island will be extremely serious and cumulative."

Budget 1998 and amendments - P.185/97 and P.186/97

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Budget for the financial year commencing 1st January 1998, which in accordance with Article 16 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1967, as amended, had been presented to the Assembly on 11th November 1997, by the Finance and Economics Committee and lodged "au Greffe" and comprised -

- (i) the estimate of the revenue income and of the expenditure of the committees of the States;
- (ii) the estimate of the transactions of the capital fund;
- (iii) the estimate of the transactions of the trading funds; and
- (iv) the report of the Finance and Economics Committee thereon.

THE STATES, having considered the estimates of the revenue income and the expenditure of the various Committees, decided to allow the amounts of the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows -

Policy and Resources Committee - Page 6

Finance and Economics Committee - Pages 8 and 9

Establishment Committee - Page 12

Planning and Environment Committee - Page 15

Health and Social Services Committee - Page 18

Education Committee - Page 21

THE STATES noted that the Finance and Economics Committee was to undertake a review of the provision of school milk, in consultation with the Education, Health and Social Services and Employment and Social Security Committees, and would present recommendations to the States early in 1998. The Finance and Economics Committee would meet the cost of the provision of school milk from the General Reserve until 28th February 1998, pending a decision by the States on the recommendations arising from the review.

Public Services Committee - Page 24

Agriculture and Fisheries Committee - Page 27

Tourism Committee - Page 30

Defence Committee - Page 34

Employment and Social Security Committee - Page 37

Housing Committee - Page 40

House Committee - Page 42

Legislation Committee - Page 42

Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee - Page 44

Prison Board - Page 47

Etat Civil Committee - Pages 50 and 51

Overseas Aid Committee - Pages 50 and 51

Gambling Control Committee - Pages 50 and 51

Cottage Homes Committee - Pages 50 and 51

Broadcasting Committee - Pages 50 and 51

Harbours and Airport Committee - La Collette Reclamation Scheme - Pages 50 and

Special Committee to consider the relationship between Committees and the States - Pages 50 and 51

TRADING COMMITTEES

Harbours and Airport Committee

Harbours - Pages 52 and 53.

Airport - Pages 55 and 56.

Telecommunications Board - Pages 58 and 59.

Committee for Postal Administration - Pages 61 and 62.

THE STATES noted a credit of revenue expenditure for each of the undermentioned Committees as shown on page 3 of the Budget as follows -

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Policy and Resources Committee	178,000
Finance and Economics Committee	22,180,800
Establishment Committee	3,047,000
Planning and Environment Committee	2,266,000
Health and Social Services Committee	72,365,000
Education Committee	55,500,000
Public Services Committee	15,272,500
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee	7,156,000
Tourism Committee	7,362,000
Defence Committee	19,384,000
Employment and Social Security Committee	46,213,000
House Committee	4,000
Legislation Committee	77,000
Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee	3,600,000

Prison Board	4,009,000
Etat Civil Committee	66,000
Overseas Aid Committee	2,700,000
Cottage Homes Committee	164,000
Broadcasting Committee	4,000
Special Committee to Consider the Relationship between Committees and the States	10,000

THE STATES, referring to the summary of income and revenue expenditure appearing on page 67, agreed the total revenue expenditure in the sum of £390,901,400, being £324,414,100 from non-trading Committees and £66,487,300 from Trading Committees; the total income in the sum of £148,254,000, being £63,074,800 from non-trading Committees, £81,725,200 from Trading Committees and £3,454,000 return from the Financial Services Commission; and, having allowed for the total investment income in the sum of £3,000,000 and the estimated transfer to trading funds of £13,077,450, agreed the amount to be transferred to the general reserve in the sum of £27,000,000.

THE STATES noted that, on the basis of levels of taxation proposed by the Finance and Economics Committee, the surplus on the revenue account to be transferred to the capital fund amounted to £10,980,250.

Having allowed for a balance of £30,612,800 to be brought forward at 1st January 1998, the transfer from the strategic reserve of £10,000,000, and taking into account the capital repayments and receipts of £30,200,000, the States noted that there would be available in the capital fund the sum of £81,793,050.

THE STATES then proceeded to consider the estimates of capital expenditure recommended by the Finance and Economics Committee on pages 64 and 65 of the Budget and -

NON-TRADING COMMITTEES

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Finance and Economics Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was

allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Establishment Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Health and Social Services Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

The estimate of the capital expenditure of the Education Committee appearing on page 64 of the Budget was allowed.

Consideration of the estimate of the capital expenditure of the Public Services Committee commenced.

THE STATES adopted an amendment of Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John and increased from £2,750,000 to £4,100,000 the amount of Vote No. C0452 "Foul Sewer Extensions".

Members voted as follows -

"Pour" (36)

Senators

Shenton, Rothwell, Stein, Bailhache,
Tomes, Norman, Walker, Kinnard.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Mary,
St. Brelade, St. Peter, Grouville, St.
Saviour, St. Martin, St. Jean, Trinity.

Deputies

Wavell(S), Coutanche(L), S.
Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S), Pullin(S),
Duhamel(S), Breckon(S), Grouville,
St. Martin, St. John, Le Main(H),
Blampied(H), Rabet(H), Crowcroft(H), de
la Haye(B), Le Cornu(C), St. Pierre,
St. Ouen.

"Contre" (11)

Senators

Horsfall, Quérée.

Deputies

H. Baudains, Le Sueur, St. Mary,
Johns(H), Routier(H), Dorey(H),
Layzell(B), Vibert(B), Dubras(L).

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed that the outstanding matters in the Budget and other items of public business should stand over until Wednesday, 3rd December 1997.

Deputy M.A. Wavell of St. Saviour - attendance

Deputy M. A. Wavell of St. Saviour, having returned to the Island, was present for the afternoon meeting and for part of the consideration of the Budget debate.

THE STATES rose at 5.56 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.