

**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday,
8th December 2004 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Michael Cameron St. John Birt, Esquire.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire, K.B.E., C.B.,
was present.**

All members were present with the exception of –

Jeremy Laurence Dorey, Deputy of St. Helier– ill.

Prayers

Budget 2005

Amendments and Comments

THE STATES allowed the Treasurer of the States to be present in the Chamber during the consideration of the Budget.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the Budget 2005, and commenced consideration of the estimates of revenue expenditure and income of the Policy and Resources Committee and of an amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier, (P.212/2004 lodged “au Greffe” on 23rd November 2004), that on page 9 of the Budget the estimates of revenue expenditure of the Policy and Resources Committee be reduced from £6,280,600 to £6,180,600 by subtracting £100,000 from the ‘Office of the Chief Executive’.

THE STATES, following consideration, adopted a proposition of Senator Leonard Norman that, in accordance with Standing Order 26A(1), the question be now put.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 27

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator R.J. Shenton
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of Saviour
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)

CONTRE: 20

Senator S. Syvret
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator E.P. Vibert
Connétable of St. Clement
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy of St. John
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter

ABSTAIN: 1

Connétable of St. Mary

Deputy L.J. Farnham (S)
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)

THE STATES rejected the amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 20

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator E.P. Vibert
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy of St. John
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter

CONTRE: 31

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator R.J. Shenton
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy L.J. Farnham (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES noted that, consequential to the rejection of the amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier, a further amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier, (P.212/2004 lodged “au Greffe” on 23rd November 2004), that on page 76 of the Budget the amount of £100,000 be transferred to the Strategic Reserve, was withdrawn by the Connétable.

THE STATES adopted a proposition of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier, that Standing Order 26A, relating to the closure of a debate, be suspended for the remaining duration of the States consideration of the Budget 2005.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 31

CONTRE: 18

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator E.P. Vibert
Senator R.J. Shenton
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Clement
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy of St. John
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
Deputy L.J. Farnham (S)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)

THE STATES, having further considered the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Policy and Resources Committee, decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

Policy and Resources Committee – pages 7 to 10

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

Privileges and Procedures Committee – pages 11 to 13

Finance and Economics Committee – pages 14 to 19

THE STATES commenced consideration of the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Environment and Public Services Committee and adopted an amendment of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, (P.220/2004 – Budget 2005: eighth amendments), that on page 22 of the Budget the estimates of revenue expenditure of the Environment and Public Services Committee (Planning and Environment) be increased from £5,120,000 to £5,720,000 by adding £600,000 to enable the establishment of a Countryside Renewal (agri-environment) Scheme.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 31

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator F.H. Walker

CONTRE: 12

Senator L. Norman
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Connétable of St. Clement

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator W. Kinnard	Connétable of St. Helier
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire	Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Senator P.F. Routier	Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
Senator E.P. Vibert	Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
Senator R.J. Shenton	Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
Connétable of St. Martin	Deputy of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Ouen	Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Connétable of St. Brelade	Deputy M.A. Taylor (C)
Connétable of St. Mary	Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Connétable of St. Peter	
Connétable of St. John	
Deputy of Trinity	
Deputy A. Breckon (S)	
Deputy of St. Martin	
Deputy of St. John	
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)	
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)	
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)	
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier (S)	
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)	
Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)	
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)	
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)	
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)	
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)	
Deputy of Grouville	
Deputy of St. Peter	
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)	

Senator Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf, the Connétable of Trinity and the Deputy of St. Ouen all declared an interest and withdrew from the Chamber prior to the consideration of the amendment of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, (P.220/2004 – Budget 2005: eighth amendments).

THE STATES, having further considered the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Environment and Public Services Committee, decided to allow the said estimates, as amended, as detailed on the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

Environment and Public Services Committee – pages 20 to 27

THE STATES having further considered the estimates of the expenditure and income of the following Committee, decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

Economic Development Committee – pages 28 to 33

THE STATES noted that Deputy Roy George Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour had withdrawn his amendment (P.215/2004 – Budget 2005: fourth amendment), that on page 37 of the Budget, in the estimates of revenue expenditure of the Health and Social Services Committee, the estimate for ‘Grants and Subsidies’ be increased by £79,000 from £7,359,700 to £7,438,700 in order to increase the amount of grant to Family Nursing and Home Care (Jersey) Inc. by reducing the estimate for Administration Costs from £4,166,400 to £4,087,400.

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed that outstanding matters in the Budget and other items of public business should stand over until Thursday 9th December 2004.

THE STATES rose at 6.10 p.m.

M.N. DE LA HAYE

Greffier of the States.