



**THE STATES assembled on Monday
12th December 2016, at 2.30 p.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.**

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Sir Philip Martin Bailhache – en défaut
Connétable Leonard Norman of St. Clement – excused attendance
Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – excused attendance
Connétable Juliette Gallichan of St. Mary – ill
Deputy Carolyn Fiona Labey of Grouville – absent on States business
Deputy John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré of St. Lawrence – excused attendance
Deputy Richard John Rondel of St. Helier – ill
Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour – excused attendance
Deputy Scott Michael Wickenden of St. Helier – absent on States business

Prayers

Tribute to the late Mr. Richard Winter Le Sauteur, former member of the States

The Deputy Bailiff paid tribute to the late Richard Winter Le Sauteur, former Connétable of Grouville.

The States observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Animal Health (Rabies) (Jersey) Order 2016. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	R&O.122/2016.
Control of Housing and Work (Guidance on Temporary Absence and Significant Ownership) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2016. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	R&O.124/2016.
Planning and Building (General Development) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order 2016. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	R&O.125/2016.

Documents presented

Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.) – comments. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.Com.
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Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): second amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.(2)) – comments. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.(2) Com.
Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): fifth amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.(5)) – comments. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.(5) Com.
Draft Finance (2017 Budget) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.113/2016): comments. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2016. Com.(2)
States of Jersey Complaints Board: findings – complaint against the States Employment Board (SEB) regarding the withdrawal of an offer of employment to the position of Consultant Ophthalmologist (R.75/2016) – response of the Complaints Board to the SEB’s response. Presented: 2nd December 2016. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	R.75/2016. Res.
Water Management Plan 2017–2021. Presented: 8th December 2016. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	R.126/2016.
Public Elections: electronic voting – electoral registration review. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	R.127/2016.
Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: Annual Report 2015. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.</i>	R.128/2016.
States of Jersey Tobacco Strategy 2017–2022. Presented: 12th December 2016. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	R.129/2016.
Draft Budget 2017. Presented: 9th December 2016. <i>Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.</i>	S.R.8/2016.

Notification of lodged propositions

Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): third amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.(3)) – amendment. Lodged: 6th December 2016. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.(3) Amd.
Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): fourth amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.(4)) – amendment. Lodged: 6th December 2016. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.(4) Amd.

Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016): fifth amendment (P.109/2016 Amd.(5)) – amendment. Lodged: 6th December 2016. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.109/2016. Amd.(5) Amd.
Draft Animal Health (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Lodged: 5th December 2016. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	P.131/2016.
Draft Prison (Independent Prison Monitoring Board) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Lodged: 5th December 2016. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.132/2016.
Composition and Election of the States Assembly. Lodged: 12th December 2016. <i>Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier.</i>	P.133/2016.

Written Questions

(see *Official Report/Hansard*)

- 9744 1. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the use of chartered aircraft.
- 9745 2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Ouen regarding share transfer transactions involving commercial property.
- 9746 3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Ouen regarding the rates of probate fees.
- 9747 4. The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding her Department's benefit sanctions regime.
- 9749 5. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding changes to employment or human resources practices.
- 9750 6. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding utility tariffs in the Island.
- 9751 7. The Minister for Housing tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding a breakdown of the housing to be delivered by Andium Homes.

Oral Questions

(see *Official Report/Hansard*)

- 9760 1. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the Income Support housing component for households waiting to downsize in the social rented sector.
- 9766 2. Senator S.C. Ferguson asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding steps taken as a result of the 'Alwitry case' to ensure similar circumstances would not arise in future.
- 9752 3. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the cost of securing a bond to pay for the new Hospital.

- 9756 4. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the response of the States Employment Board to the findings of the States of Jersey Complaints Board in R.75/2016.
- 9755 5. Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the services delivered at Sandybrook Residential Care Home.
- 9758 6. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the withholding of Income Support payments.
- 9764 7. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the impact on the health of the population of ground water contaminated from the Airport.
- 9753 8. The Deputy of St. Ouen asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the application of the Land Transaction Tax to share transfer transactions involving commercial property.
- 9762 9. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the Government's targets to address the issue of climate change.
- 9754 10. The Deputy of St. Ouen asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the impact of a lack of income on the health of individuals and communities.
- 9767 11. Senator S.C. Ferguson asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the occupancy of Greenfields.
- 9761 12. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the review of the Customs and Immigration Service's working practices in respect of dog-training.
- 9765 13. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the proposals in the Draft Budget Statement 2017 to increase fuel duty.
- 9759 14. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the findings of the States of Jersey Complaints Board in the 'Alwitary case'.
- 9763 15. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables regarding the holding of Parish Roads Committee meetings in public.
- 9757 16. Deputy M.R. Higgins asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding procedures followed in the event of complaints made by vulnerable persons.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Education answered questions without notice from members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from members.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Tuesday 13th December 2016 to commence consideration of the proposition of the Minister for Treasury and Resources entitled 'Draft Budget Statement 2017' (P.109/2016) and associated amendments, and the other items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 4.48 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States