

# THE STATES assembled on Tuesday 26th November 2019, at 09.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton, G.C.B., LL.D. (Hon.), D.Sc. (Hon.), B.Sc., F.R.Ae.S., C.C.M.I. was present.

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

Senator Ian Joseph Gorst – absent on States business

Senator Lyndon John Farnham – en défaut (défaut raised at 10.48 a.m.)

Connétable Christopher Hugh Taylor of St. John – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 2.17 p.m.)

Deputy Judith Ann Martin of St. Helier – en défaut (défaut raised at 10.08 a.m.)

Deputy Mary Rose Le Hegarat of St. Helier – absent on States business

Prayers

### **Documents presented**

Financial Management and Internal Control (R.121/2019): Executive response. Presented: 26th November 2019.

R.121/2019.

Res.

Public Accounts Committee.

#### Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the Council of Ministers had informed the Greffier of the States that the amendment (P.71/2019 Amd.(18)Amd.) to the amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (P.71/2019 Amd.(18)) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Government Plan 2020–2023' (P.71/2019) had been withdrawn.

#### Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Chief Minister made a statement regarding the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Government Plan 2020–2023' (P.71/2019).

### Government Plan 2020-2023 P.71/2019

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Government Plan 2020–2023' (P.71/2019) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.71/2019 Amd.(22)), agreed that –

in paragraph (c), after the words "of the Report" there should be inserted the words ", except that, in Summary Table 3(i) the Head of Expenditure for Reserve for centrally held items should be decreased by £1,400,000, with other affected lines in Summary Table 3(i) to be amended accordingly"; and

in paragraph (g), after the words "to the Report" there should be inserted the words ", except that, in Summary Table 7 the transfer from Consolidated Fund to Stabilisation Fund should be amended to £28,000,000, with other affected lines in Summary Table 7 to be amended accordingly".

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, and rejected an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.71/2019 Amd.(4)) that –

in paragraph (a), after the words "Article 9(2)(a) of the Law" there should be inserted the words –

", except that the 2020 Estimate for "Impôt Duties Fuel" shall be decreased by £1 million, by increasing road fuel duty by 4 pence per litre (and not 6 pence per litre as originally proposed)";

in paragraph (c), after the words "of the Report" there should be inserted the words –

", except that, in Summary Table 3(i), the Head of Expenditure for "Treasury and Exchequer" shall be decreased by £1 million, by reducing the level of the transfer to the Climate Emergency Fund by £1 million, with other affected lines in Summary Table 3(i) to be amended accordingly"; and

in paragraph (f)(ii), after the words "Summary Table 6 to the Report" there should be inserted the words –

", except that, in Summary Table 6, the 2020 Estimated Income for the Climate Emergency Fund shall be reduced by £1 million, by reducing the level of the transfer from the Treasury and Exchequer Head of Expenditure, with the Closing balance in Summary Table 6 to be amended accordingly".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 32 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator L.J. Farnham

Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy J.H. Perchard (S) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy of St. John
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)) and rejected paragraph 1 of an amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)Amd.) that, before the inserted sub-paragraph (a), for the words "except that", there should be substituted the words "and that"; and that, in the inserted sub-paragraph (a), for the words "in Summary Table 1 the total income from 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)' should be increased by the sum of £712,500, by increasing the rate of GST levied on luxury cars (defined as those with an import or retail value over £30,000) to 10%", there should be substituted the words "in time for 1st January 2021, the Minister for Treasury and Resources be requested to bring forward plans to levy an increased rate of GST of 10% on heavy domestic cars (defined as those with a weight over 1,950 kg.)".

Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 9 CONTRE: 38 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C. Ferguson

Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of Grouville Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of Trinity Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. John Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy of St. John
Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES rejected paragraph 2 of the amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence to the amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)Amd.) that, in the inserted sub-paragraph (a), the words ", with the additional income transferred to the Climate Emergency Fund" should be deleted.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 12 CONTRE: 33 ABSTAIN:

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy of St. Mary Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator T.A. Vallois Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. John Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. John Deputy J.H. Perchard (S) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph 3 of the amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence to the amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)Amd.), agreed that, in the inserted sub-paragraph (b)(vii), after the words "installation of" there should be inserted the words "air and".

Members present voted as follows -

**POUR: 39 CONTRE: 8 ABSTAIN: 0** 

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Martin

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)

Deputy K.F. Morel (L)

Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy of St. John

Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

Deputy R.J. Ward (H)

Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Mary Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)), as amended, rejected paragraph (a) of the amendment that, after the words "of the Law" there, should be inserted the words –

", except that in Summary Table 1 the total income from 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)' should be increased by the sum of £712,500, by increasing the rate of GST levied on luxury cars (defined as those with an import or retail value over £30,000) to 10%, with the additional income transferred to the Climate Emergency Fund; and".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 33 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy of St. John Deputy J.H. Perchard (S) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. John Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of Trinity Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (b) of the amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.71/2019 Amd.(10)), as amended, agreed that, after the words "of the Law" there, should be inserted the words –

- ", except that the Minister for Treasury and Resource is requested to publish an estimate of the effect on General Tax Revenue of decreasing the rate of GST levied on
  - (i) solar panels,
  - (ii) electric space heating replacement of oil heating,
  - (iii) electric cars, motorbikes, scooters and vans,

- (iv) electric bikes and cargo bikes,
- (v) loft and cavity wall insulation,
- (vi) double glazing, and
- (vii) installation of air and ground source heating to 0%, so that the Assembly can consider the financial effects of zero-rating those items in the Government Plan 2021"."

Deputy of St. Ouen

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 38 CONTRE: 8 ABSTAIN: 1

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois

Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec

Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of St. Clement

Connétable of St. Saviour

Connétable of St. Brelade

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Martin

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)

Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)

Deputy K.F. Morel (L)

Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of St. John

Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

Deputy R.J. Ward (H)

Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Mary Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

Deputy of Trinity

### Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee that consideration of public business continue until 6.30 p.m. at which time the Assembly would adjourn.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 17 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of St. John Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. John Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

#### Government Plan 2020-2023 P.71/2019

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Government Plan 2020–2023' (P.71/2019), as amended, rejected an amendment of the Deputy of St. Peter (P.71/2019 Amd.(13)), that, in paragraph (a), after the words "Article 9(2)(a) of the Law" there should be inserted the words ", except that the 2020 Estimate for "Impôt Duties" shall be decreased by £1.05 million, by restricting increases in impôt duties on alcohol to RPI (2.7%) across the board".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S.C. Ferguson
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Brelade
Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
Senator T.A. Vallois
Senator K.L. Moore
Senator S.W. Pallett

Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Peter
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy R. Labey (H)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy of St. John
Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Senator S.Y. Mézec
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy K.C. Lawrig (S)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy J. M.C. Doublet

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)

Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of Trinity Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

Deputy J.H. Perchard (S Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

## Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 27th November 2019 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Government Plan 2020–2023' (P.71/2019), as amended, and accompanying amendments and the other outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.31 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States