



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
21st May 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Robert James MacRae, Esquire.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Vice-Admiral Jeremy Paul Kyd, C.B.E. was present.**

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

Deputy Mary Rose Le Hegarar of St. Helier North – absent on States business
Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South – absent on States business
Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 9.40 a.m.)

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour
Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin

Henri Brunet School – welcome

The Deputy Bailiff, on behalf of Members, welcomed a class from the Henri Brunet School in Caen that was present in the Public Gallery.

Documents presented

Assisted Dying (P.18/2024) – addendum. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.18/2024. Add.(2).
Assisted Dying (P.18/2024): amendment (P.18/2024 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Assisted Dying Review Panel.</i>	P.18/2024. Amd. Add.
Assisted Dying (P.18/2024): amendment (P.18/2024 Amd.) – comments. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers</i>	P.18/2024. Amd.Com.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024) – comments. Presented: 17th May 2024, <i>Common Strategic Policy Review Panel.</i>	P.21/2024. Com.

Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd. Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.Amd) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd. Amd.Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – second amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.Amd.(2)) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 17th May 2024, <i>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd. Amd.(2). Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): second amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.(2)) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(2). Add. (re-issue).
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): second amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.(2).Amd) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(2). Amd.Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): third amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.(3)) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(3). Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): third amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(3)) – amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.(3).Amd) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(3). Amd.Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): fourth amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(4). Add.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): fourth amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – amendment. (P.21/2024 Amd.(4).Amd) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(4). Amd.Add.
Jersey Consumer Council: Re-Appointment of Chairman (P.23/2024) – comments. Presented: 17th May 2024, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.23/2024. Com.
Youth Service Statutory Provision (P.28/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 1st May 2024, <i>Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour.</i>	P.28/2024. Add.
Draft Statistics and Census (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 – (P.29/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.29/2024. Add.
Electronic Patient Records (R.21/2024): executive response. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Public Accounts Committee.</i>	R.21/2024. Res.
Registration of births, deaths, stillbirths, marriages and civil partnerships: Annual Statement for 2023. Presented: 3rd May 2024, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.</i>	R.72/2024.

States of Jersey Group 2023 Annual Report and Accounts. Presented: 3rd May 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.73/2024.
Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019: Article 18 – 3rd May 2024. Presented: 7th May 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.74/2024.
Statement of the Jersey Immigration Rules. Presented: 8th May 2024, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.</i>	R.75/2024.
Jersey Charity Tribunal Annual Report 2023. Presented: 10th May 2024, <i>Minister for External Relations.</i>	R.76/2024.
Jersey Charity Commissioner Annual Report 2023. Presented: 10th May 2024, <i>Minister for External Relations.</i>	R.77/2024.
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – Purchase of Land – 2 Edward Place, The Parade, St. Helier. Presented: 13th May 2024, <i>Minister for Infrastructure.</i>	R.78/2024.
Fiscal Policy Panel Appointments. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.79/2024.
Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority 2023 Annual Report and Accounts. Presented: 21st May 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development..</i>	R.80/2024.
States Employment Board - Scheme of Delegation. Presented: 21st May 2024, <i>States Employment Board.</i>	R.81/2024.
Review of Assisted Dying. Presented: 14th May 2024, <i>Assisted Dying Scrutiny Panel.</i>	S.R.3/2024.
Review of Assisted Dying (S.R.3/2024): response of the Minister for Health and Social Services. Presented: 17th May 2024, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	S.R.3/2024. Res.

Notification of lodged propositions

Assisted Dying (P.18/2024): amendment. Lodged: 7th May 2024, <i>Assisted Dying Review Panel.</i>	P.18/2024. Amd.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment. Lodged: 7th May 2024, <i>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.) – amendment. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.Amd.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.) – second amendment. Lodged: 17th May 2024, <i>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel..</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.Amd. (2).
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): second amendment. Lodged: 7th May 2024, <i>Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North.</i>	P.21/2024. Amd.(2).

Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): second amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(2)) – amendment. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.(2). Amd.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): third amendment. Lodged: 7th May 2024, <i>Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.(3).
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): third amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(3)) – amendment. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.(3). Amd.
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): fourth amendment. Lodged: 7th May 2024, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.(4).
Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): fourth amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) – amendment. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.(4). Amd.
Youth Service Statutory Provision. Lodged: 1st May 2024, <i>Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour</i> .	P.28/2024. (re-issue).
Draft Statistics and Census (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	P.29/2024.

Withdrawal of lodged propositions

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged “au Greffe” had informed the Greffier of the States that it had been withdrawn –

Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.) – amendment. Lodged: 14th May 2024, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.21/2024. Amd.Amd.
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Written Questions

(see *Official Report/Hansard*)

- WQ.161/2024 1. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding increasing the Jersey corporate tax rate.
- WQ.162/2024 2. The Minister for Children and Families had tabled an answer on 7th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding assistance to families who were experiencing difficulties in staying together.
- WQ.163/2024 3. The Chair of the Comité des Connétables had tabled an answer on 7th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central regarding engagement with Parish Assemblies.
- WQ.164/2024 4. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 7th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding the Island’s Dementia Strategy.

- WQ.165/2024 5. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 7th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding shellfish and wetfish species landed by Jersey's commercial fishing fleet.
- WQ.166/2024 6. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the Chair of the Health and Community Services Advisory Board.
- WQ.167/2024 7. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the use of digital services across Government.
- WQ.169/2024 8. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding annual spending on consultants providing private patient care.
- WQ.170/2024 9. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the Jersey Premium service.
- WQ.171/2024 10. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the General Hospital Pharmacy Department.
- WQ.172/2024 11. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the encroachments onto the foreshore report written by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement.
- WQ.173/2024 12. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry recommendations.
- WQ.175/2024 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding licences for the cultivation of cannabis.
- WQ.176/2024 14. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the appointment of a permanent Government Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- WQ.177/2024 15. The Minister for External Relations had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding private vessels visiting Herm and the requirement for them to go to Guernsey first.
- WQ.178/2024 16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding Vehicle Emissions Duty (VED).
- WQ.179/2024 17. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding planning application permits for new dwellings.
- WQ.180/2024 18. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding consultation on job losses within the Government.

- WQ.181/2024 19. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central regarding Income Support overpayments.
- WQ.182/2024 20. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding the Mortality Report for 2022.
- WQ.184/2024 21. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding the Government's work and activities on Assisted Dying.
- WQ.185/2024 22. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding criminal offences by those under the age of 18.
- WQ.186/2024 23. The Minister for Children and Families had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the Corporate Parenting Board.
- WQ.187/2024 24. The Minister for Children and Families had tabled an answer on 15th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the Greenfields secure children's unit.
- WQ.188/2024 25. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the hospital catering unit.
- WQ.189/2024 26. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding equipment maintenance arrangements for the hospital catering unit.
- WQ.190/2024 27. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding Jersey children who had been supported by a social worker.
- WQ.191/2024 28. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding Government employees.
- WQ.192/2024 29. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the Social Security Upper Earnings Limit.
- WQ.193/2024 30. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the public sector 2025 pay rise of 1% over the rate of inflation.
- WQ.194/2024 31. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the increased chargeable parking hours in Charles Street Car Park.
- WQ.196/2024 32. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 20th May 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding discussions with organisations representing people with a disability or long-term health condition about the assisted dying proposals.

Oral Questions*(see Official Report/Hansard)*

- OQ.92/2024 1. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the development of a strategy for older people.
- OQ.97/2024 2. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the pedestrianisation of Broad Street.
- OQ.91/2024 3. Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding legislation on the use of electric scooters on roads and pavements.
- OQ.89/2024 4. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding growth expenditure in previous Government Plans.
- OQ.90/2024 5. Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding the International Baccalaureate programme delivered by Hautlieu School.
- OQ.93/2024 6. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the reported presence of E-coli bacteria in the water at Grève de Lecq.
- OQ.101/2024 7. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the implementation of the Ethical Care Charter.
- OQ.95/2024 8. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding improving the clinical standards and governance in the delivery of health services.
- OQ.98/2024 9. Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding plans to boost the capacity of Jersey's mains drains network.
- OQ.94/2024 10. Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding reviewing the Residential Parking Standards.
- OQ.102/2024 11. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding compliance with the terms of the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003.
- OQ.99/2024 12. Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the childhood vaccination programme.
- OQ.96/2024 13. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the disposal of Government-owned property or land.
- OQ.100/2024 14. Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for the Infrastructure regarding mapping services.

Oral Questions without notice*(see Official Report/Hansard)*

The Minister for the Environment answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for External Relations answered questions without notice from members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from members.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Chair of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel, agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of the Panel’s amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.Amd.(2)) to its amendment (P.21/2024 Amd.) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026’ (P.21/2024) in order that it might be debated at the present meeting.

Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 P.21/2024

THE STATES, commencing consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026’ (P.21/2024), commenced consideration of an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.21/2024 Amd.) and, adopting an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.21/2024 Amd.Amd.(2)), agreed that –

in the table on page 2 that added a new priority, the words “Natural Environment” should be substituted with “Sustainable Resources”;

after the words “We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan.” there should be inserted the following –

“Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.”; and

in paragraph 4, for the words “with the aim of being carbon neutral by 2035” the following words should be substituted “committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050.”

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel, as amended, agreed that –

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that, in the table on page 3 of the report, for the words “Reform the Planning Service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted “Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey.”;”;

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that, on page 3 of the report, at the end of the table there should be added the following new priority –

Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap	Environmental Wellbeing	Sustainable Resources
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after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that, on Page 11 of the report, for the section entitled “Reform the planning service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted the following –

“Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey

A more efficient, effective, and better value planning system is of fundamental importance to meet the community’s development needs and to deliver the Government’s priorities.

We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan. Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.

When developing consideration must be given to sustainable growth, building quality, and the need to maintain and protect the natural environment. Without this balance there is a risk to the priority which will be placed on the obligations of Government to maintain and protect the natural environment and, potentially, have an impact on longer term commitments to ensuring growth and construction are sustainable.”; and

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“; except that, on page 11 of the report, after the existing text there should be inserted the following wording –

“Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the Carbon Neutral Roadmap

We are currently facing a climate emergency and the States Assembly has committed to responding to the emergency “*with energy and pace*”, committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050. In order to fulfil this commitment, we recognise that delivering the actions in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap must remain a priority for Government.””.

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North (P.21/2024 Amd.(2)) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.21/2024 Amd.(2).Amd.), agreed that, after the words “Care Inquiry 2017.”, the remaining sentence should be deleted and there should be inserted –

“by delivering on our Corporate Parenting duties as set out in the Children and Young Peoples (Jersey) Law 2022.

As a Statutory Service provider, we remain committed to acting on the recommendations of all Jersey Care Commission Independent Inspections of Children Social Care and Child Adolescent Mental Health Services as required under the Jersey Care Law (2014).”

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, as amended, agreed that, after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that on page 2 of the report in paragraph 5, after the words “Carbon Neutral Roadmap.”, there should be inserted the words “and further build on the recommendations from the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry 2017, by delivering on our Corporate Parenting duties as set out in the Children and Young Peoples (Jersey) Law 2022.

As a Statutory Service provider, we remain committed to acting on the recommendations of all Jersey Care Commission Independent Inspections of Children Social Care and Child Adolescent Mental Health Services as required under the Jersey Care Law (2014).”

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North (P.21/2024 Amd.(3)) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.21/2024 Amd.(3).Amd.), agreed that –

in Part 1, after the words “demographic changes” there should be inserted –

“, including our ageing population, falling birth rate and rising levels of disability,”;

in Part 2 for the words “except that on page 5” there should be substituted “except that on page 9”; and

in Part 3, for the words, “that age is not a barrier to older workers and to allow our ageing workforce to continue to participate in an evolving job market”, there should be substituted –

“that age and disabilities are not barriers to Islanders continuing to participate in an evolving job market.”

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, as amended, agreed that –

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that on page 2 of the report, in paragraph 3, after the words “Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce report.”, there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will make preparations for our projected demographic changes, including our ageing population, falling birth rate and rising levels of disability, to ensure the sustainability of our health provisions and to protect economic prosperity into the future”;

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that on page 8, after the last paragraph, there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will enable the design of homes for our ageing population to allow them to remain living independently.”; and

after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that on page 5, after the last paragraph, should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will provide adequate provisions and opportunities for lifelong learning, re-training and attractive flexible roles to ensure that age and disabilities are not barriers to Islanders continuing to participate in an evolving job market.”

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (P.21/2024 Amd.(4)) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.21/2024 Amd.(4).Amd.), agreed that, for the words “St. Helier” there should be substituted “Town”.

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel, as amended, agreed that, after the words “report accompanying this Proposition” there should be inserted –

“, except that, on page 11 of the report, in the first paragraph, for the words “including schools and youth facilities” there should be substituted the following –

“including youth facilities and the modernization of the whole of the school estate in Town”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, and adopting the proposition, approved, in accordance with Article 18(2) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, the statement of the Common Strategic Policy of the Council of Ministers as set out in the report of this Proposition, except that –

- (a) on page 2 of the report, in paragraph 3, after the words “Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce report.”, there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will make preparations for our projected demographic changes, including our ageing population, falling birth rate and rising levels of disability, to ensure the sustainability of our health provisions and to protect economic prosperity into the future.”;

- (b) except that on page 2 of the report in paragraph 5, after the words “Carbon Neutral Roadmap.”, there should be inserted the words –

“and further build on the recommendations from the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry 2017, by delivering on our Corporate Parenting duties as set out in the Children and Young Peoples (Jersey) Law 2022.

As a Statutory Service provider, we remain committed to acting on the recommendations of all Jersey Care Commission Independent Inspections of Children Social Care and Child Adolescent Mental Health Services as required under the Jersey Care Law (2014).”;

- (c) in the table on page 3 of the report, for the words “Reform the Planning Service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted “Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey”;

- (d) on page 3 of the report, at the end of the table there should be added the following new priority –

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- (e) on page 5, after the last paragraph, should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will provide adequate provisions and opportunities for lifelong learning, re-training and attractive flexible roles to ensure that age and disabilities are not barriers to Islanders continuing to participate in an evolving job market.”;

- (f) on page 8, after the last paragraph, there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“We will enable the design of homes for our ageing population to allow them to remain living independently.”;

- (g) except that, on page 11 of the report, in the first paragraph, for the words “including schools and youth facilities” there should be substituted the following –

“including youth facilities and the modernisation of the whole of the school estate in Town”;

- (h) on Page 11 of the report, for the section entitled “Reform the planning service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted the following –

“Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey

A more efficient, effective, and better value planning system is of fundamental importance to meet the community’s development needs and to deliver the Government’s priorities.

We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan. Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.

When developing consideration must be given to sustainable growth, building quality, and the need to maintain and protect the natural environment. Without this balance there is a risk to the priority which will be placed on the obligations of Government to maintain and protect the natural environment and, potentially, have an impact on longer term commitments to ensuring growth and construction are sustainable.”; and

- (i) on page 11 of the report, after the existing text there should be inserted the following wording –

“Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the Carbon Neutral Roadmap

We are currently facing a climate emergency and the States Assembly has committed to responding to the emergency “with energy and pace”, committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050. In order to fulfil this commitment, we recognise that delivering the actions in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap must remain a priority for Government.”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 42

Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy K.F. Morel
 Deputy S.M. Ahier

CONTRE: 2

Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf

Deputy R.J. Ward
 Deputy C.S. Alves
 Deputy I. Gardiner
 Deputy I.J. Gorst
 Deputy L.J Farnham
 Deputy P.M. Bailhache
 Deputy T.A. Coles
 Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy H.M. Miles
 Deputy M.R. Scott
 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy C.D. Curtis
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy R.E. Binet
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy B. Ward
 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson

Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024 P.15/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development entitled ‘Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024’ (P.15/2024), and, adopting the proposition, agreed, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4(5) of the Gambling (Channel Islands Lottery) (Jersey) Regulations 1975, to allocate £1,097,800 to the Jersey Community Foundation and the Association of Jersey Charities, divided equally between them, for onward distribution in support of the Island community; with the proceeds allocated to the Association of Jersey Charities to be distributed solely to registered charities, and with the allocation to the Jersey Community Foundation to be distributed on the following basis –

- 35 to 45% of the allocation to arts, culture and heritage;
- 35 to 45% of the allocation to sports and active lifestyle; and
- 15 to 25% of the allocation to applied science or applied research in the fields of engineering, biology, ecology, physics, chemistry, mathematics or health, provided that the funds are either to be used locally or for the direct benefit of Jersey, including any education from which local residents may benefit.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 39

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy G.P. Southern
Deputy M. Tadier
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
Deputy K.F. Morel
Deputy S.M. Ahier
Deputy R.J. Ward
Deputy C.S. Alves
Deputy I. Gardiner
Deputy I.J. Gorst
Deputy L.J Farnham
Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf
Deputy P.M. Bailhache
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Deputy D.J. Warr
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Deputy M.B. Andrews

Assisted Dying P.18/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Assisted Dying’ (P.18/2024), and, adopting an amendment of the Assisted Dying Review Panel (P.18/2024 Amd.) agreed that, in paragraph (d), the words “directly” and “direct” should be deleted.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Assisted Dying’ (P.18/2024) and the other outstanding propositions listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.25 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States