

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 4th April 2006

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Regulations 200- (P.25/2006): comments.
Presented: 30th March 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

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I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions
(attached)

The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier regarding the establishment of the Legislation Advisory Panel.

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding proposals for a new structure of banding rents for social housing.

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding matters relating to housing trusts.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the release of a report concerning benchmarking for housing trusts.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the freezing of income tax exemptions.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the impact of financial service sector growth.

The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding various statistics relating to the finance sector and the application of GVA.

(b) – Oral Questions

Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“What succession planning policies and procedures are in place, if any, in order to ensure that all appointments to senior management positions, including that of Chief Officer of a Department, are made from within the public sector?”

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Would the Chief Minister advise members what instructions, if any, he has given to the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited with regard to its involvement in developing the St. Helier Waterfront apart from the recently published advice regarding public statements?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Will the Minister inform members whether the £600,000 spent on refurbishment at Oakfield Industries referred to in his answer last week will produce an increase in the number of places for training at Oakfield?”

Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“What discussions, if any, has the Minister had concerning the matter of the States placing funds into ethical investments, and what was the outcome of those discussions?”

Senator B.E. Shenton will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Waterfront land, valued at £10 million, was transferred to Les Pas Holdings Limited in final settlement of a legal action. Was a method of calculation used to assess the area of land required to cover the claim and, if so, what was that method and was it related to any height restrictions imposed in the planning permission granted for development of the land?”

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Would the Minister inform members whether he is reviewing off-island transport links with regard to their ease of use, availability and reliability and, if so, will he be publishing a paper on his findings?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Will the Minister give further details of the combination of attribution and distribution-only methods referred to in his answer of 28th March 2006, to enable "look-through"

provisions without loss in revenue?"

The Deputy of St. Ouen will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“Would the Minister inform members whether consideration has been given in recent years to reallocate funds within the Home Affairs budget between the different services as priorities have changed, to address, in particular, the lack of funding at the Prison and, if not, would she explain why?”

The Deputy of St. Ouen will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“Following the Minister’s indication that a review of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000, was initiated in January 2006 would she indicate why States members and other interested parties were not notified and included in the process at that time and would she state what plans, if any, have been made to address this situation?”

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) -

1st question period – Minister for Economic Development.

2nd question period – Chief Minister.

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Composting facilities at La Collette II: approval by States Assembly. P.31/2006.
Lodged: 14th March 2006.
Connétable of St. Helier.

Composting Facilities at La Collette II: approval by States Assembly P.31/2006.
(P.31/2006) – comments. Com.
Presented: 28th March 2006.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny P.15/2006.
panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 21st February 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny P.15/2006. Amd.
Panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.15/2006):
amendment.
Lodged: 21st March 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Legislation Advisory Panel: appointment of members. P.32/2006.
Lodged: 17th March 2006.
Chief Minister.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

25th April 2006

- Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 200-. P.196/2005.
Lodged: 13th September 2005.
Minister for Home Affairs, (formerly the Home Affairs Committee).
(debate suspended on 18.01.06 and remained such on 31.01.06 as item referred to Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel under S.O. 79(i)).
- Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.5/2006.
Lodged: 30th January 2006.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.
- Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- P.5/2006.
(P.5/2006): comments. Com.
Presented: 8th February 2006.
Minister for Social Security.
- Political activities by States employees. P.17/2006.
Lodged: 24th February 2006.
Council of Ministers.
- Draft Housing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 23) (Jersey) P.19/2006.
Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Housing.
- Bailiff's Consultative Panel. P.20/2006.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.
- Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment. P.20/2006. Amd.
Lodged: 3rd March 2006.
Connétable of St. Helier.
- Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment P.20/2006.
(P.20/2006 Amd.)– comments. Amd.Com.
Presented: 10th March 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.
- Draft Restriction on Smoking (Vending Machines) (Jersey) Regulations P.21/2006.
200-.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.
- Draft Restriction on Smoking (Public Transport) (Amendment) (Jersey) P.22/2006.
Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Sales of Cigarettes to Children) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200. Lodged: 28th February 2006. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.23/2006.
Draft Restriction on Smoking (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2006 (Appointed Day Act) 200-. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.28/2006.
Draft Housing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 24) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Minister for Housing.</i>	P.25/2006.
Draft Housing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 24) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.25/2006): comments. Presented: 30th March 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.25/2006. Com.
Draft States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 1) (Home Affairs to Transport and Technical Services) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.26/2006.
Draft Amendment (No. 4) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.27/2006.
Draft Trusts (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 200. Lodged: 14th March 2006. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.29/2006.
Higher Education 'top-up' fees: payment by the States. Lodged: 21st March 2006. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.33/2006.

16th May 2006

Milk Subsidy for Delivery to Special Classes. Lodged: 5th July 2005. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, and referred to the Ministers for Economic Development and Social Security, (formerly the Economic Development and the Employment and Social Security Committees).</i>	P.145/2005.
Draft Taxation (United States of America) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 8th November 2005. <i>Chief Minister, (formerly the Policy and Resources Committee).</i>	P.264/2005.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.270/2005.
Lodged: 15th November 2005.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.270/2005): P.270/2005. Com.
comments.
Presented: 17th January 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

Bellozanne Waste Treatment Works: petition. P.34/2006.
Lodged: 28th March 2006.
Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200. P.35/2006.
Lodged: 28th March 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

23rd May 2006

Employment legislation: petition. P.214/2005.
Lodged: 4th October 2005.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Employment legislation: petition (P.214/2005) – comments. P.214/2005. Com.
Presented: 11th January 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

Employment legislation: petition (P.214/2005) – comments – addendum. P.214/2005.
Presented: 21st March 2006. Com.Add.
Minister for Social Security. (re-issue)

Composting facilities. P.258/2005.
Lodged: 1st November 2005.
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier, (formerly in the name of Senator P.V.F. Le Claire), and referred to the Ministers for Health and Social Services, Planning and Environment, and Transport and Technical Services, (formerly the Health and Social Services and the Environment and Public Services Committees).

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005. Com.
Presented: 19th December 2005.
Comité des Connétables.

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005. Com.
Presented: 9th March 2006. (2)
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005. Com.
Presented: 9th March 2006. (3)
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.9/2006.
Lodged: 31st January 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.
2nd reading
(Principles adopted on 28.03.06 before referral to Economic Affairs
Scrutiny Panel in accordance with Standing Order 72(1)).

Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): P.9/2006.
amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): P.9/2006. Amd.
second amendment. (2)
Lodged: 14th March 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Draft Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 200. P.8/2006.
Lodged: 31st January 2006.
Minister for Economic Development.

Exclusivity of postal services within Jersey: termination of Agreement P.13/2006.
between the States of Jersey and the United Kingdom.
Lodged: 14th February 2006.
Minister for Economic Development.

6th June 2006

Senators and Deputies: terms of office. P.227/2004.
Lodged: 14th December 2004.
Deputy A. Breckon of St. Saviour.
(debate commenced and States adopted move to next item of public
business on 1st Feb 2005)

Senators and Deputies: terms of office (P.227/2004) – comments. P.227/2004. Com.
Presented: 18th January 2005.
Presented by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, (formerly the
Finance and Economics Committee).

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-. P.206/2005.
Lodged: 27th September 2005.
Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and
Public Services Committee).

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): comments. P.206/2005. Com.
Presented: 1st November 2005.
Minister for Economic Development, (formerly the Economic Development
Committee).

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendment. P.206/2005. Amd.
Lodged: 25th October 2005.
Deputy R.C. Duhamel of St. Saviour.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendments P.206/2005.
(P.206/2005 Amd.)– comments. Amd.Com.
Presented: 22nd November 2005.
*Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and
Public Services Committee).*

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second P.206/2005. Amd.
amendments. (2)
Lodged: 1st November 2005.
Deputy P.N. Troy of St. Brelade.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second P.206/2005. Amd.
amendments (P.206/2005 Amd.(2))– comments. (2) Com.
Presented: 29th November 2005.
*Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and
Public Services Committee).*

20th June 2006

4th July 2006

18th July 2006

**M.N. DE LA HAYE
Greffier of the States**

30th March 2006

Note –

**In accordance with a decision of the States on 25th October 2005, this meeting will continue, if necessary,
on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April 2006.**

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier –

“1. Did any consultation take place regarding the arrangements for the functions of the former Legislation Committee in the ministerial system and, if so, who was involved, were any supporting papers produced and, if so, can these be made available to members?”

2. Who approached the States Members who have been asked to sit on the Legislation Advisory Panel?

3. Will the Panel have a budget and, if so, where will it come from, how is the provision of a Committee Clerk to be funded, has it been confirmed with both H.M. Attorney General and the Law Draftsman that they have time to attend Panel meetings and, if not, will there be a need to employ more staff?”

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“(a) Further to his reply to my question on the banding of rents on 28th February 2006, will the Minister inform members what progress, if any, has been made on modelling the new structure of social housing rents especially with regard to the impact upon tenants?”

(b) Despite his statement that “*These proposals ... merely move rents within existing parameters*” what percentage, if any, of tenants on maximum social housing rents are estimated to see a rent rise as a result of the banding of rent?

(c) Would the Minister inform members whether the rent charged on properties which are refurbished and improved will move through the banding structure and increase and, if so, how does this affect the normal policy of a landlord’s responsibility for structural or external repairs?

(d) What impact, if any, will the banding of rents have on private sector rent levels and trends and how does this support the percentage increase in social rents outlined in (b) above?”

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“(a) Will the Minister release to members the draft legislation on the regulation of Housing Trusts currently under his consideration, along with any associated reports, background papers and consultation submissions?”

(b) Will the Minister liaise with the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the report entitled “Benchmarking against U.K. Housing Association Performance Indicators”, referred to in the 9th Annual Report of the Jersey Homes Trust (JHT) dated January 2005, with a view to releasing this to members and, if not, the reasons why?”

(c) Extracts from the Benchmarking Report mentioned in (b) above reveal the following 2003 JHT figures:

Gross rentals	£3,500,805
Property expenses	£264,678
Operating expenses	£322,325

Do the total costs of £587,003 (16.7%) conform to any agreements in place with the Minister regarding the level of such costs in view of States subsidies on housing trust schemes and rent abatement payment?

(d) In the Annual Report of January 2005, the JHT Chairman states:

“It (the JHT) is fully accountable to the Housing and Finance and Economics Committees and operates transparently under well understood safeguards and protocols”.

Will the Minister release to members details of these safeguards and protocols, and if not, the reasons why?

Further, the Report states:

“The work of the Trust is out-sourced under a strict code of conduct. This code specifically permits the awarding of contracts for remunerated services to firms having a connection with a Trustee”.

Has the Minister been provided with this code of conduct and, if so, would he agree to provide it to members?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister liaise with the Minister for Housing regarding the report entitled ‘Benchmarking against U.K. Housing Association Performance Indicators’, prepared for the former Finance and Economics Committee and referred to in the 9th Annual Report of the Jersey Homes Trust (JHT) dated January 2005, with a view to releasing this to members and, if not, the reasons why?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“What consideration, if any, has the Minister given to changing the policy of freezing income tax exemptions and allowances whereby increased numbers of people are brought into tax, or see their tax bills raised through the process known as “fiscal drag”? In particular, what priority will he be giving to the results of the household expenditure survey in relation to Strategic Aim 3.6, reducing the numbers of children/pensioners living in relatively low income households?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“The financial service sector reports strong growth in 2005, with bank deposits up 16.8% to £184.6 billion, and the net asset value of funds under administration rising by 32% to £134.7 billion. Will the Minister inform members what impact, if any, such increases will have on –

a) employment; and,

b) tax revenues in the financial services sector, in both real and percentage terms?”

The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“The recent Value Chain Survey produced by the Statistics Unit has attempted to improve our understanding and the contribution of different sectors to the economy.

(a) What reasons explain the discrepancy in finance sector figures revealed by this survey (£775 million, 55% imported) and that produced by the Survey of Financial Institutions (£370 million, 42% imported), and what changes, if any, will be put in place to refine the methodology used?

(b) Will the Minister further explain why the contribution to GVA (Gross Value Added) of the public sector is not included and whether this impacts on the independence of the report from political bias? and,

(c) Will the Minister undertake to change the report to include the GVA of the public sector in future surveys?”

**ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE
ROTA**

(See Item I(c))

First 15 minute period

Transport and Technical Services

Education Sport and Culture

Social Security

Housing

Home Affairs

Second 15 minute period

Health and Social Services

Chief Minister

Planning and Environment

Chief Minister

Treasury and Resources