

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 15th May 2007

## A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

## B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

*(Explanatory note attached)*

Social Security Advisory Council (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2007. R&O.60/2007.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Road Traffic (St. Ouen) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Order 2007. R&O.65/2007.  
*Minister for Transport and Technical Services.*

Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2007. R&O.66/2007.  
*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

## C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Planning and Building R.44/2007.  
(Jersey) Law 2002 – dangerous structures.  
Presented: 4th May 2007.  
*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

Jersey Advisory and Conciliation Service: Board members' report and financial R.45/2007.  
statements for 2006.  
Presented: 8th May 2007.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – R.46/2007.  
(a) Elizabeth Terminal, Office E43 – lease to Mr. Gordon Forrest;  
(b) Elizabeth Terminal Check-in Office E8 – lease to HD Ferries Limited;  
(c) Public footpath between Gorey Village Main Road and La Rue de la Poterie–  
acquisition of land from Les Hoûmets Residential Home, Gorey Village,  
Grouville.  
Presented: 8th May 2007.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: fifth periodic R.47/2007.  
report of the States of Jersey (as at April 2007).  
Presented: 11th May 2007.  
*Chief Minister.*

## D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Commissioners of Appeal for Income Tax: re-appointment. P.59/2007.  
Lodged: 8th May 2007.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 3) Law 200. P.60/2007.  
Lodged: 10th May 2007.

- E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS**
- F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS**
- G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE**
- H. PETITIONS**
- I. QUESTIONS**

**(a) – Written Questions**  
*(attached)*

1. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the inclusion of unelected members of the States in reform proposals.
2. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier concerning succession planning for senior posts within the public sector.
3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding a response to the Scrutiny Report SR1/2007 relating to the closure of wards at Overdale.
4. The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour concerning the electoral register.
5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour regarding the appointment of candidates to senior public sector posts.
6. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier concerning efficiency savings and his department's maintenance budget.
7. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding efficiency savings.

**(b) – Oral Questions (90 minutes)**  
*(attached)*

1. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -  
  
“Would the Minister inform members what the criteria for receiving payments to replace rent subsidy and rent rebate will be under the new low income support system, and, at what stage will existing claimants who might no longer be eligible be informed before the current system ends?”
2. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing -  
  
“Would the Minister advise members whether he has been made aware of proposals by representatives of the finance sector regarding the introduction of intermediate or so-called ‘baby’ ‘j’ category licences and, if so, what is his understanding of such proposals?”

3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development -

“Will the Minister inform members what progress has been made at Jersey Airport to convert States’ funding into a loan scheme to resolve cash flow issues and to achieve the £1.65 million staff savings?”

4. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee -

“What measures, if any, does the Committee intend to promote to achieve greater voter turnout?”

5. Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing -

“Would the Minister inform members of the total amount of subsidies paid to Housing Trusts for each year from 1998 to 2006?”

6. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs -

“Would the Minister outline the policies that are in place within Home Affairs for developing staff to assume senior positions?”

7. The Connétable of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development -

“Would the Minister explain the reasons for putting the Port of St. Helier stevedoring contract out to tender and outline the ramifications to the infrastructure of the Port should the contract be awarded to a different operator?”

8. Deputy P.V.F Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing -

“Would the Minister inform members whether he is considering introducing a system of rent control following the introduction of income support, and if so, would he support a system similar to that adopted by Guernsey and other jurisdictions?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Treasury and Resources.

2nd question period – Chief Minister.

**J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

**K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**L. PUBLIC BUSINESS**

200-.  
Lodged: 29th March 2007.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Draft Loi (200-) (Amendement No. 4) sur les teneures en fidéicommiss et l'incorporation d'associations. P.50/2007.  
Lodged: 3rd April 2007.  
*Chief Minister.*

La Pouquelaye Old School Site: purchase. P.55/2007.  
Lodged: 23rd April 2007.  
*Connétable of St. Helier.*

Jersey Financial Services Commission: re-appointment of Commissioners and Chairman. P.58/2007.  
Lodged: 1st May 2007.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*  
*(consideration in camera)*

## **M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **5th June 2007**

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- . P.26/2007.  
Lodged: 19th February 2007.  
*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

Student loans for higher education: introduction. P.52/2007.  
Lodged: 17th April 2007.  
*Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.*

Student Loans for higher education: guarantees. P.53/2007.  
Lodged: 18th April 2007.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Composition and Election of the States Assembly: election dates for Connétables. P.54/2007.  
Lodged: 19th April 2007.  
*Comité des Connétables.*

Draft Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200. P.56/2007.  
Lodged: 24th April 2007.  
*Minister for Home Affairs.*

Commissioners of Appeal for Income Tax: re-appointment. P.59/2007.  
Lodged: 8th May 2007.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

### **19th June 2007**

Social Housing Property Plan 2007–2016. P.6/2007.  
Lodged: 16th January 2007.  
*Minister for Housing.*

Draft Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 200-.  
Lodged: 1st May 2007.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

P.57/2007.

**3rd July 2007**

Draft High Hedges (Jersey) Law 200-.  
Lodged: 13th April 2007.  
*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

P.51/2007.

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 3) Law 200-.  
Lodged: 10th May 2007.  
*Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

P.60/2007.

**17th July 2007**

JT Group Limited (“Jersey Telecom”): proposed sale.  
Lodged: 20th February 2007.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

P.28/2007.

School milk and milk at a reduced rate: continued provision.  
Lodged: 27th March 2007.  
*Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.*

P.45/2007.

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

10th May 2007

**Note –**

**In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2007 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May 2007.**

## **Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.**

(See Item B)

### **R&O.60/2007.**

The purpose of this Order is to increase the membership of the Social Security Advisory Council from a chairman and 4 members to a chairman and up to 6 other members, with a minimum of 3 other members.

The Order was made on 2nd May 2007 and comes into force on 9th May 2007.

### **R&O.65/2007.**

The purpose of this Order is to amend further the Road Traffic (St. Ouen) (Jersey) Order 1979 by prohibiting waiting on the west side of La Rue des Cosnets between its junction with La Rue du Sud and a point opposite the southern boundary of the southern entrance of La Ville Vautier.

The Order was made on 3rd May 2007 and comes into force on 17th May 2007.

### **R&O.66/2007.**

This Order prescribes development for which no application for planning permission is necessary.

It includes further types of permitted development and reduces the limitations on certain developments permitted by the previous Order.

The Order was made on 4th May 2007 and comes into force on 1st June 2007.

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

- “(a) Has the Committee considered the position of the unelected members of the States as part of the reform proposals and, if so, on how many occasions?
- (b) What possible proposals for change, if any, have been discussed by the Committee?
- (c) Have any background papers relating to the position of the un-elected members of the States been prepared and if so when will these papers be circulated to members for consultation?”

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

“Would the Chief Minister advise the Assembly –

- (a) how many departmental heads and other senior posts have been appointed from outside of the Island during the last ten years?
- (b) whether improved succession planning and training measures have been implemented to enhance opportunities for local candidates and increase the Island's ability to provide its own locally trained workforce, of equal professional calibre, skills and experience that would otherwise be obtained through recruitment from outside the Island?”

The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“When will the Minister’s response to the Scrutiny Report entitled ‘Overdale – the closure of Leoville and McKinstry wards’ be published?”

The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“Is the Comité satisfied that the current electoral register is a ‘rolling register’ and, if not, will the Comité be proposing any reforms in conjunction with the Privileges and Procedures Committee?”

The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour –

“Would the Chief Minister inform members whether all senior positions in the public sector are open to both local and U.K. candidates?”

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 inform members what is meant by ‘favourable variance in staff costs’ contained in his written answer on 1st May 2007?
- (b) Will the Minister explain why he has further reduced his maintenance budget by £190,000 when, by his own admission, much of the housing stock remains in need of repair?”

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

- “(a) Will the Minister explain what is meant by ‘calculating staff vacancy factors and reallocating’ contained in his answer of 1st May 2007 relating to cuts required to meet the £698,000 cost of staff pay awards?
- (b) Will he inform members what non staff costs have been reduced in each primary and secondary school and which areas had already been subject to the £350,000 efficiency savings?
- (c) Can the Minister inform members of the average life of a paperback compared to hardback book in library use and advise the Assembly whether the replacement of hardback books with paperbacks will increase replacement costs in the future?”



## ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

1st Session –

	<b>First 15 minute period</b>	<b>Second 15 minute period</b>
	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>
5th June	Home Affairs	Economic Development
19th June	Transport and Technical Services	Chief Minister
3rd July	Health and Social Services	Education, Sport and Culture
17th July	Planning and Environment	Chief Minister

2nd Session –

	<b>First 15 minute period</b>	<b>Second 15 minute period</b>
	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>
11th September	Social Security	Chief Minister
25th September	Housing	Treasury and Resources
9th October	Home Affairs	Chief Minister
23rd October	Economic Development	Transport & Technical Services
6th November	Health and Social Services	Chief Minister
20th November	Education, Sport and Culture	Planning and Environment
4th December	Social Security	Chief Minister