

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 13th May 2008

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Presented: 1st May 2008. Com.(2)
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Presented: 1st May 2008.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

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Presented: 2nd May 2008.
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Minister for Treasury and Resources.

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Lodged: 8th May 2008.
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I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions

(attached)

1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade regarding the towing of vehicles.
2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade regarding the impact of GST on taxi drivers.
3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding cancer treatment in the Island.
4. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade regarding the registration of caravans and motorhomes.
5. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the removal of prescription charges.
6. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade regarding the operational costs of the Aquasplash pool.
7. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade regarding GST itemisation on till receipts.
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9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding tax receipts from International businesses.
10. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the funding of the finance industry.
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15. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Housing Needs Survey.
16. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding benefits for disabled persons.
17. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier regarding sickness levels within the Youth Service.

18. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier regarding the Working Group overseeing the investigation into historical child abuse.
19. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding police media releases.
20. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding the recycling of solid waste.
21. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour regarding the use of photographic and video material by the police.
22. The Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour regarding a possible review of the provision of public transport.
23. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding tax rates for different sectors of the economy.

(b) – Oral Questions

(90 minutes)

1. Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Has the Minister any plans to create a Jersey Bank Depositors’ Compensation Scheme and, if not, does he have any proposals to both protect depositors and maintain competitive advantage?”
2. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“In the light of the findings of the 2007 Housing Needs report, pointing out the shortage of 2, 3 and 4-bed housing in particular, will the Minister inform members what estimates he envisages for the provision of such housing arising from the White Paper ‘New Development Guidelines for Town2’?”
3. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Will the Minister please advise the Assembly when he will be informing those who are receiving Income Support how much they will receive when the Department starts to phase-out protection payments in October?”
4. Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Will the Minister be making any change to the waste strategy and the proposed Energy from Waste plant in the light of the recently published Juniper report?”
5. Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister explain what consideration, if any, was given to the requirements of the

emergency services before the central reservation at Bel Royal was extended and advise whether discussions were held with those services before construction commenced?"

6. Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Would the Minister confirm how much he has had to provide to meet the States of Jersey Police’s additional overtime costs in the current financial year 2008, as a result of the investigations relating to Haut de la Garenne and historical child abuse, and is he able to disclose the provision he is making for 2009 and 2010 to meet these ongoing costs?”

7. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

“Will the Minister inform members of the terms of reference for the Jersey Retail Study currently being undertaken by DTZ for the Planning and Environment department into the impact of a third supermarket?”

8. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Further to my written question of January 29th regarding combined speed humps and pedestrian crossings, will the Minister agree to cease installing these, and make provision for removing the duality of those in existence?”

9. Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Would the Minister explain why it is taking so long to progress the ultimate re-use of the Bellevue site at Les Quennevais for Housing for those in their retirement who want to downsize to much needed 2 bedroom accommodation?”

10. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Can the Minister give the Assembly an update as to when the population register will be introduced and inform us whether original timescales will be met?”

(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

Committee of Inquiry into the operation of Third Party Planning Appeals. P.35/2008.
Lodged: 26th February 2008.
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour.

Committee of Inquiry into the operation of Third Party Planning Appeals P.35/2008.

(P.35/2008): comments. Presented: 1st April 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	Com.
Committee of Inquiry into the operation of Third Party Planning Appeals (P.35/2008): comments. Presented: 1st May 2008. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.35/2008. Com.(2)
Family Nursing and Home Care Debt. Lodged: 19th March 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.46/2008.
Channel Islands Lottery: Allocation of a percentage of profits for 2007-2008. Lodged: 20th March 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.47/2008.
Working Party to Review Appropriateness of Departmental Structure. Lodged: 20th March 2008. <i>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.</i>	P.49/2008.
Working Party to review appropriateness of departmental structure (P.49/2008): comments. Presented: 28th April 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.49/2008. Com.
Draft Legal Deposit (Jersey) Law 2007 (Appointed Day) Act 200-. Lodged: 28th March 2008. <i>Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</i>	P.50/2008.
Draft Legal Deposit (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 28th March 2008. <i>Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</i>	P.51/2008
Draft Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 1st April 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.53/2008.
Rent Control Tribunal: appointment of members. Lodged: 25th April 2008. <i>Minister for Housing.</i>	P.64/2008.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

3rd June 2008

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 4th December 2007. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i> <i>(Principles adopted on 12th March 2008)</i>	P.185/2007.
Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.185/2007): comments. Presented: 10th March 2008. <i>Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.185/2007. Com.

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.185/2007): amendments. Lodged: 26th February 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.185/2007. Amd.
Millennium Town Park: Funding from Strategic Reserve. Lodged: 3rd January 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.1/2008.
Millennium Town Park: Funding from Strategic Reserve (P.1/2008) – comments. Presented: 26th February 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.1/2008. Com.
Census of Island's population. Lodged: 26th February 2008. <i>Deputy of Grouville.</i>	P.32/2008.
Draft Crime (Disorderly Conduct and Harassment) (Jersey) Law 200- Lodged: 7th April 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.55/2008.
Drainage Law: service of notices on owners. Lodged: 9th April 2008. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.57/2008.
Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (British Broadcasting Corporation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 16th April 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.59/2008.
Esplanade Quarter, St. Helier: Masterplan. Lodged: 16th April 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.60/2008.
Draft Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 21st April 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.61/2008.
Draft Non-Profit Organizations (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 22nd April 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.63/2008.
School milk: continued funding. Lodged: 8th May 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.66/2008.
<u>17th June 2008</u>	
Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment. Lodged: 19th December 2007. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.194/2007.
Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – amendment. Lodged: 28th December 2007.	P.194/2007. Amd.

Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – amendment – (P.194/2007 Amd.)– comments. P.194/2007.
Presented: 11th April 2008. Amd.Com.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – amendment (P.194/2007 Amd.)– amendment. P.194/2007.
Lodged: 9th April 2008. Amd.Amd.
Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

Jersey Enterprise Board Limited: proposed establishment (P.194/2007) – third amendment. P.194/2007.
Lodged: 19th February 2008. Amd.(3)
Public Accounts Committee.

Draft Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Law 200. P.54/2008.
Lodged: 7th April 2008.
Minister for Home Affairs.

Central European Time: referendum. P.62/2008.
Lodged: 21st April 2008. (re-issue)
Senator J.L. Perchard.

Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 200. P.65/2008.
Lodged: 6th May 2008.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

1st July 2008

Draft Sea Fisheries (Inshore Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200- second reading. P.36/2008.
Lodged: 6th March 2008.
Minister for Economic Development.
(principles adopted on 29th April 2008)

15th July 2008

Draft European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Bovine Semen) (Jersey) Regulations 200. P.43/2008.
Lodged: 14th March 2008.
Chief Minister.

Draft Water (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 200. P.58/2008.
Lodged: 11th April 2008.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

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7th May 2008

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2008 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May 2008.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister give –

- (a) the total costs of the towing away of vehicles for 2005, 2006 and 2007 as instructed by the police and on their account, by year,
- (b) the total reimbursements payable by owners of those vehicles for the same periods
- (c) the amount still outstanding for collection from the owners of those vehicles.
- (d) the number of vehicles towed away under police instructions and orders per year for 2005, 2006 and 2007.”

2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister advise whether taxi drivers on a Private Hire company plate controlled by a company owing 30 or more plates with a turnover of more than £300,000, will have to levy GST, even though they may or may not own the vehicle they drive and , if so, does the Minister not consider that, given many Public Rank taxi drivers as well as Private Hire taxi drivers are self-employed and will be GST exempt as their turnover will be less than the de minimis £300,000 this could disadvantage company plate drivers?”

3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

- “1. Is the incidence of cancer in Jersey high in comparison to other Channel Islands, European Union (E.U.) countries and the USA per head of population and if so, what is planned to address this situation?
- 2. What analysis, if any, has been conducted to identify any correlation between levels of cancer in the Island and emissions from Bellozanne Incinerator and the Nuclear Reprocessing Facilities in Northern France, and what measures, if any, are planned for monitoring these areas in the future?
- 3. Is the Minister confident that any leak or incident from Nuclear facilities in France will be made known to the Jersey Authorities under the current monitoring systems, in order to sufficiently protect the population of Jersey?
- 4. How closely does Jersey follow National Health Service policies in relation to the funding and availability of new cancer drugs?
- 5. What is the annual expenditure for cancer drugs?
- 6. What is the total estimated spend from private health care on cancer drugs in Jersey each year?
- 7. Will the Minister advise what actions are being taken to ensure that cancer sufferers in Jersey have the best chance of survival and recovery?

8. Is the Minister willing and able to offer patients who revert to France as a last resort for cancer treatment a full refund of their expenditure and if so, can he advise how many such cases there were in 2007?
 9. What extra demands in terms of cost are expected to achieve a stand still position for Jersey in terms of cancer drugs in the next 5 years?
 10. Does the Minister have benchmark figures to assess how the number of bed days taken up with cancer patients in 2007 compares to other Channel Islands, E.U. Countries and the USA?"
4. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade –
- “1. Can the Minister confirm that before a motorhome can be registered in the Island, in accordance with the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002, a copy of the relevant permit, issued by the Minister for Planning and Environment must be sent to the Driver and Vehicle Standards Department and to the person wishing to register the vehicle or import the vehicle?
 2. Can the Minister confirm that once the vehicle is registered, that he can attach any condition restricting where the motorhome can be stationed or used?
 3. Can the Minister advise whether there exists a policy regarding the use of and parking of such vehicles exceeding 2.3 metres in width?
 4. Can the Minister confirm how many permits have been applied for to import motorhomes/caravans since the end of 2002 and how many permits have been issued under the Planning and Building Law 2002?
 5. Can the Minister confirm how many meetings, if any, his Department has had with the Driver and Vehicle Standards department to discuss the number of motorhomes/caravans currently imported into the Island and registered since 2002?
 6. Will the Minister undertake to find out how many vehicles, either caravans, motorhomes or dormobiles are in the Island and will he undertake to ensure that these vehicles are parked on private property, either the property of the owner or on private property that the owner has access to for parking and storage by agreement?”
5. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St Helier –
- “Has the new measure to remove costs for prescriptions increased the numbers of prescriptions from tourists to Jersey taking advantage of the lack of a charge?”
6. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade –
- "1. Following his comments to the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel and the 2007 report on funding the Aquasplash pool, can the Minister confirm the total amount of taxpayers funds by year since inception that have been disbursed to the operators of the Aquasplash complex and the operational costs of that swimming pool since it opened?
 2. Can the Minister supply the attendance and usage figures for the Aquasplash pool by year since it opened?

3. Can the Minister supply the operational costs, the attendance and usage figures for the Les Quennevais pool by year since the Aquasplash pool opened?
4. Can the Minister supply the inclusive operational costs, the attendance and usage figures for the Fort Regent pool in the three immediate years prior to its closure?"

7. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade –

“Following the narrow defeat on 29th April 2008 of P42/2008 (the Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-) would the Minister give an undertaking to the Assembly that he will bring in GST sub-itemisation on every sale receipt where GST is levied on behalf of Treasury by the 1st January 2009, and if not, why?”

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

“Does the Minister accept that following the introduction of GST on 6th May Islanders will see a 53% increase in indirect taxation, totalling over £130 million in 2008 made up approximately of the following:

Impôts	£53m	(2006)	
Stamp Duty	£23m	(2006)	
Island Rates	£ 9m	(2006)	
	=	£85m	
		GST+	£45m (est. full year 2008)
	=	£130m	

What justification has the Minister to offer to residents for such an increase in indirect taxation at a time when the economy is growing along with income tax receipts?"

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

"1. Will the Minister explain to members why the tax receipts from International Business Companies (IBCs) and Exempt Companies (ExcOs) (estimated as £61m for 2006) are not included in Figure 2.2 of Jersey In Figures 2007, "Sources of income tax receipts", when they were in previous editions (e.g. Jersey In Figures 2005, p.4)?

2. Will he inform members what the level of these tax receipts were in 2006?
3. Will he further inform members what are the estimates for coming years, and especially will he explain what the impact of the zero/ten proposals will be on these receipts?"

10. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"1. Will the Minister inform members why he considers that it may be necessary to spend the £199,000 proposed in his draft 2009 Business Plan to directly market the Island's finance industry, when his department already funds Jersey Finance Ltd (JFL) £1million to market and promote the sector?

2. Will he also state whether this sum is proposed for the setting up of a permanent representative post in

India or China?

3. Will he further inform members whether he or JFL has drawn up a detailed business plan to examine any such proposal and, if so, will he release it to members?"

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

- “1. Does the Minister accept that Jersey households will pay, on average, an additional £1,000 tax in each full year of GST, and if not what figure does he suggest?
2. Alternatively, does he accept that the average tax bill for individual residents will rise by 13% following the introduction of GST as follows:

Income tax:

Salary & wage earners	£171 m
Self employed & investments	£ 35 m
Other Indirect Tax	£ 85 m
Total	£291 m

GST raised = £38 m (£45 m less £7 m finance sector) / £291 = 13% increase?

3. If not what figure does he have for the average percentage tax rise for individual residents?"

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

“Does the Minister accept that the findings of the Housing Needs Survey 2007 recently published by the Statistics Department are the most rigorous ever produced and form a sound basis for the planning and delivery of homes in the coming years?

Will the Minister explain to members why the potential shortfall in 2, 3 & 4-bedroom accommodation, first identified in 2004, has not been properly addressed by his department resulting in an increase of two-thirds in the shortfall? Does the Minister accept that this failure has contributed substantially to the unsustainable price rises in this sector?

Does the Minister accept the findings of the survey of an over-supply of 1-bed flats in the (under-55) market? Further will he inform members what number and proportions of 1-bed accommodation units are under construction or have planning permission for 2008 and 2009? What measures will the Minister take to address this issue?"

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

“Does the Minister accept the statement that “over the next five years there is a potential total demand for 305 older persons’ housing units” on page 29 of the Housing Needs Survey 2007, along with potential supply of 125 units?

Does the Minister accept the findings expressed on pages 29 to 31 that this basic need for some 200 such units can be stretched by some second-order interpretation of hypothetical “inclination” rather than need?

Will the Minister explain to members why he has been insisting that he has a proven and urgent need for 400 such units? Does he still maintain his position, and if so, will he produce his evidence for members so that the assembly can properly assess this need?

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

“1. Does the Chief Minister accept that even on a net nil migration scenario, the data presented on page 15 of the Housing Needs Survey 2007 indicates that 42% of inward-migrants are J-category, accounting for 16% of housing demand in the owner/occupier sector, where a potential shortfall is clearly identified?

2. With incoming J-cats outnumbering leavers by 2 : 1, and labour market figures showing net immigration of over 700 over the past 2 years, 250 of whom are J-cats, what impact does the Chief Minister anticipate on house prices should this level of immigration continue?

3. Will the Chief Minister state whether he intends to take any action of the issue of immigration; if so, what measures, and if not, why not?”

16. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“1. Will the Minister confirm that the additional benefits attached to meeting the needs and costs of a disabled person in Household A given in his answer to question 3845 on 29th April, will be completely withdrawn when the annual household income exceeds £27,000?

2. Can the Minister inform members how many households will see such support withdrawn?

3. Will the Minister explain why Invalid Care Allowance has been included in the income calculation for income Support?”

17. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier –

“Would the Minister inform Members of the level of absenteeism within the Youth Service through sickness per year since 2005 and advise how much of this, if any, was stress-related?”

18. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S Pitman of St. Helier –

“Would the Minister provide details of the qualifications and experience of the individual members of the

Working Group overlooking the police investigations into historic child abuse police investigation and advise who appointed these individuals?"

19. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement –

“Would the Minister advise members how frequently the States of Jersey Police produce press releases for the local media, the level of detail and the approximate quantity provided and approximately how many hours per week are employed in preparing this material?”

20. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement –

“Would the Minister advise, with regard to solid waste, how high a percentage is possible to recycle before the residue becomes unsuitable for disposal by incineration?”

21. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour –

“To what use was the photographic and video material obtained by the police at two recent gatherings in the Royal Square, namely the demonstration against GST and the ‘Time for Change’ rally, put?”

22. The Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour –

“Will the Panel be undertaking a study into the provision of public transport services? If so, what is the time frame and will this include a study of the tendering process for such services?”

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

“Following earlier questions on the effective tax rates for different sectors of the economy, can the Minister state

- (a) whether there has been any change to OXERA estimates of effective tax rates for residents given in 2002/3, as follows:

low earners (on marginal rate) average effective tax rate = 8%
middle to high earners (on full rate)= 14%

and, if so, what change there has been, and to what extent such change has been the result of “fiscal creep” or the “20 means 20” policy?

- (b) what estimate he has for the equivalent effective company tax rate for the finance sector? In particular, does he accept the following as a reasonable approximation for comparison purposes:

Total profit of financial institutions = £1,314 m

Total company taxation (all sectors) = £192 m
of which % GVA of finance sector x 52%
= £ 99.8 m

Finance sector effective rate (= 99.8 / 1,314) = 7.6%

- (c) If not, what figure for the effective tax rate for the finance sector does he have? Further, will he state what impact the zero/ten proposals will have on this effective tax rate?"

ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

1st Session –

	First 15 minute period	Second 15 minute period
	Minister	Minister
3rd June	Transport & Technical Services	Economic Development
17th June	Health and Social Services	Chief Minister
1st July	Planning and Environment	Education, Sport and Culture
15th July	Social Security	Chief Minister