

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 21st October 2008

## A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

## B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

*(Explanatory note attached)*

Income Support (General Provisions) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.118/2008.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Lodging Houses (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 14) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.121/2008.  
*Minister for Housing.*

Health Insurance (Pharmaceutical Benefit) (General Provisions) (No. 2) R&O.122/2008.  
(Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Order 2008.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Order 2008 R&O.123/2008.  
*Minister for Transport and Technical Services.*

Income Support (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.124/2008.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Inquests and Post-Mortem Examinations (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2008. R&O.125/2008.  
*The Superior Number of the Royal Court.*

Places of Refreshment (Registration) (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.126/2008.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Tourism (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.127/2008.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Veterinary Surgeons (No. 2) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.128/2008.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Social Security (Earnings Limit) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.129/2008.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

Pilotage (Dues and Fees) (Amendment) (Jersey) Order 2008. R&O.130/2008.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

## C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants' Deposits (P.137/2008): comments. P.137/2008.  
Presented: 10th October 2008. Com.  
*Minister for Housing.*

Committee of Inquiry: Energy from Waste plant procurement process P.139/2008.  
(P.139/2008) – comments. Com.  
Presented: 14th October 2008.  
*Minister for Transport and Technical Services.*

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – (a) No. 2 Devonshire Place, St. Helier – granting of rights; (b) Railway Walk, Le Mont Les Vaux, St. Brelade – new lease to Jersey Gas Company Limited; (c) Jersey Airport, John Le Fondré Departure Hall, Ticket Desk, D003E – new lease to Flybe Limited; (d) Jersey Airport, John Le Fondré Departure Hall, Offices D003A, D003B, D003C and D003D – new lease to Flybe Limited. Presented: 30th September 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.102/2008.
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – (a) Jersey Airport, Freight and Fuel Farm, Unit B132 – new lease to Mr. John Muirhead; (b) Bel Royal Car Park, Bel Royal, St. Lawrence– new lease to Jersey Gas Company Limited. Presented: 3rd October 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.103/2008.
States employees: political activities – reclassification of politically ineligible post. Presented: 6th October 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	R.104/2008.
Public Sector Manpower Report: June 2008. Presented: 8th October 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.105/2008.
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – The Old Sail Loft, Gorey Pier, St. Martin– proposed 3 year lease to Gavroche Ltd. Presented: 8th October 2008. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	R.106/2008.
Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Law 200-: Summary of Findings of the Consultation. Presented: 10th October 2008. <i>Minister for Housing.</i>	R.107/2008.
Social Inclusion – Mont-à-l’ Abbé. Presented: 10th October 2008. <i>Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	S.R.11/2008.

**D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS**

Draft Foundations (Jersey) Law 200- (P.143/2008): amendment. Lodged: 6th October 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.143/2008. Amd.
Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner. Lodged: 25th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.151/2008.
Plémont Holiday Village site: negotiations for purchase. Lodged: 29th September 2008. <i>Connétable of St. Ouen.</i>	P.152/2008.

Waterfront Enterprise Board Ltd: appointment of Director. Lodged: 1st October 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.153/2008.
Jersey Community Relations Trust: appointment of Chairman. Lodged: 6th October 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.154/2008.
States Members' Remuneration Review Body: appointment of members. Lodged: 7th October 2008. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.155/2008.
Jersey Heritage Trust: appointment of Chairman. Lodged: 7th October 2008. <i>Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</i>	P.156/2008.
Draft Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (Actions for Damages) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 8th October 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.157/2008.

## **E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS**

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement has informed the Greffier of the States that the following propositions lodged "au Greffe" are to be withdrawn –

Committee of Inquiry: Energy from Waste plant procurement process. Lodged: 4th September 2008. <i>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.</i>	P.139/2008.
Machinery of Government: modifications. Lodged: 8th September 2008. <i>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.</i>	P.141/2008.

## **F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

## **G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE**

## **H. PETITIONS**

## **I. QUESTIONS**

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

1. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the composting costs for 2008.
2. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the Housing Trust's management of Berkshire Court.
3. The Chairman of Health and Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Bull report.

4. The Chairman of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Bull report.
5. The Minister for Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Bull report.
6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding an investigation into the tender processes and contractual arrangements at Liberty Wharf.
7. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the appointment of an employer representative to chair the new Skills Executive.
8. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding population control policies.
9. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding population control policies.
10. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the extension of savings guarantees to Jersey.
11. The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding efficiency savings.
12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding Income Support for parents attending the Access course at Highlands.
13. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding incentives to work and save under Income Support.
14. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding how changes in circumstances of Income Support applicants are addressed.
15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour regarding appointments at doctors' surgeries between January and September 2008.

**(b) – Oral Questions**

(90 minutes)

1. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -  
  
“Will the Minister advise members how many recipients of Income Support either starting or returning to work have been charged for ‘overpayments’ and detail the range of sums and payments involved?”
2. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“What consequences follow if a Disclosure Notice is issued by the police in respect of a public servant's alleged actions?”

3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Will the Minister outline for members the terms and conditions which are currently applied to maternity leave and pay for teachers?”

4. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables –

“Given that ballot papers for pre-poll or postal votes were not available until almost two weeks after the Senators' Nomination Meeting and two weeks before their election, what arrangements, if any, have been taken to ensure that similar delays do not occur for the Deputies Elections where there is only a three week period between their nomination and their election?”

5. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Would the Minister explain what action, if any, was taken by his Environmental Health officers as a result of the recent incident at the harbour which occurred during the unloading of aggregate for use in the airport runway project?”

6. Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Given that the Council of Ministers agreed to double the number of people with disabilities employed by the States Employment Board during 2008, can the Chief Minister confirm how many additional people, if any, have been employed?”

7. Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services–

“Given that in R.101/2008 ‘Committee of Inquiry into Fields 848,851 and 853, Bel Royal, St Lawrence: Final Report’ the Committee recommended that the Minister should take the necessary steps to publish and to implement the Integrated Travel and Transport Policy without delay, when will the Minister be complying with the recommendation?”

8. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Will the Minister give an update of the work being undertaken by the Officer Working Group established to consider the various options for the future of Haut de la Garenne and to advise on cost benefits and any other implications that might arise?”

9. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Further to news that the United Kingdom may withdraw from the reciprocal health agreement, what steps, if any, will the Minister take to protect Jersey residents who require treatment in the UK.?”

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

“With reference to written answers given on 8th September 2008 regarding the development of

the ‘Esplanade Quarter’ would the Chief Minister update members as to when the reports by Carey Olsen, PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Minister for Treasury and Resources will be published?”

11. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“When is it intended to bring New Directions to the States for debate?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Health and Social Services

2nd question period – Minister for Transport and Technical Services

## **J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

The Connétable of St Peter will make a statement about the Broadlands fire.

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

The Chief Minister will make a statement regarding a proposed Partnership agreement with the Conseil Général de la Manche.

The Chief Minister will make a statement regarding the British-Irish Council summit meeting to be held in Jersey in 2009.

## **L. PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy. P.76/2008.  
Lodged: 23rd May 2008.  
*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

Esplanade Quarter Masterplan, St. Helier: development agreement– approval P.111/2008.  
by the States.  
Lodged: 3rd July 2008.  
*Senator J.L. Perchard.*

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 5) Law 200. P.122/2008.  
Lodged: 29th July 2008.  
*Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 5) Law 200 (P.122/2008): comments. P.122/2008.  
Presented: 8th September 2008. Com.  
*Council of Ministers.*

Draft Policing of Parks (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.131/2008.  
Lodged: 12th August 2008.  
*Minister for Transport and Technical Services.*

Jersey Air Cadets’ HQ, La Rue Carrée, St. Brelade– proposed Deed of P.132/2008.  
Arrangement.  
Lodged: 14th August 2008.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Artificial Insemination of Bovines: fees. Lodged: 26th August 2008. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.135/2008.
Draft Amendment (No. 9) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. Lodged: 5th September 2008. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.140/2008.
Draft Amendment (No. 9) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.140/2008): amendments. Lodged: 23rd September 2008. <i>Senator M.E. Vibert.</i>	P.140/2008. Amd.
Draft Employment (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 200. Lodged: 8th September 2008. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.142/2008.
Draft Foundations (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 9th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.143/2008.
Draft Foundations (Jersey) Law 200- (P.143/2008): amendment. Lodged: 6th October 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.143/2008. Amd.
Draft Income Support (Special Payments) (Cold Weather Payments) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 9th September 2008. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.144/2008.
Draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny panels, PAC and PPC) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 9th September 2008. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.145/2008.
Draft Prison (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Law 2007 (Appointed Day) Act 200. Lodged: 12th September 2008. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.146/2008.
Draft Boats and Surf Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 28) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 19th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.148/2008.
Draft Amendment (No. 33) to the Tariff of Harbour and Light Dues. Lodged: 19th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.149/2008.
Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner. Lodged: 25th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i> (Consideration 'in camera')	P.151/2008.
Plémont Holiday Village site: negotiations for purchase. Lodged: 29th September 2008. <i>Connétable of St. Ouen.</i>	P.152/2008.

Waterfront Enterprise Board Ltd: appointment of Director. Lodged: 1st October 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.153/2008.
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Jersey Heritage Trust: appointment of Chairman. Lodged: 7th October 2008. <i>Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.</i>	P.156/2008.

## **M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **2nd December 2008**

Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants' Deposits. Lodged: 29th August 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.137/2008.
Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants' Deposits (P.137/2008): comments. Presented: 10th October 2008. <i>Minister for Housing.</i>	P.137/2008. Com.
Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Lodged: 19th September 2008. <i>Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.</i>	P.150/2008.
Draft Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (Actions for Damages) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 8th October 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.157/2008.

### **20th January 2009**

Rates: the States' liability. Lodged: 16th September 2008. <i>Connétable of St. Helier.</i>	P.147/2008.
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**M.N. DE LA HAYE  
Greffier of the States**

16th October 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 22nd and Thursday 23rd October 2008.**





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

(See Item B)

### **R&O.118/2008.**

This Order increases by about 3.7% the capital and income amounts to be disregarded in assessing income for income support purposes.

The Order was made on 22nd September 2008 and came into force on 1st October 2008.

### **R&O.121/2008.**

This Order increases the fee for the registration of a lodging house by 2.5%.

The Order was made on 24th September 2008 and comes into force on 1st December 2008.

### **R&O.122/2008.**

This Order increases the basic dispensing fee for each item of pharmaceutical benefit supplied on a prescription from £2.85 to £2.96. The increase takes effect from 1st October 2008.

The Order was made on 24th September 2008 and came into force on 1st October 2008.

### **R&O.123/2008.**

This Order increases the fee for the compulsory basic training course for motor bicycles from £85 to £102. The last increase in this fee was on 4th April 2007.

The Order was made on 24th September 2008 and came into force on 1st October 2008.

### **R&O.124/2008.**

This Order amends the transitional scheme for income support to extend the periods over which protected payments will be phased out, with all protected payments ceasing by 1st October 2014. The extension is in general by one year, but by 2 years for households formerly receiving attendance allowance, disabled adult's allowance or disabled child's allowance.

The Order was made 26th September 2008 and came into force on 30th September 2008.

### **R&O.125/2008.**

The power to make amendments to the Inquests and Post-mortem Examinations (Jersey) Rules 1995, and the fees prescribed therein, vests in the Superior Number of the Royal Court.

The fees under the 1995 Rules were last reviewed in 2006 resulting in an increase in rates payable from 1st October 2006. The increases made then took into account inflation up to December 2005. In the 2¼ years to March 2008, the Jersey Retail Price Index rose by 9.35%. The Inquests and Post-Mortem Examinations (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2008 provide for increases in the fees in line with that level of inflation.

The (rounded) increases in the fees payable are as follows –

<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Revised Rate</b>	<b>Increase £</b>	<b>Increase %</b>
Post-mortem examination	£97.00	£106.00	£9.00	9.3%
Special post-mortem examination	£218.00	£238.00	£20.00	9.2%
Witness fee for pathologist	£72.00	£79.00	£7.00	9.7%
Witness fee for other doctors	£54.00	£59.00	£5.00	9.3%
Medical report	£49.00	£53.50	£4.50	9.2%
Juror	£15.00	£16.50	£1.50	10.0%

Witness loss of earnings (per half-day)	£47.00	£51.00	£4.00	8.5%
Histological examination of tissue samples	£16.00	£17.50	£1.50	9.4%

The Rules were made on 29th September 2008 and came into force forthwith.

**R&O.126/2008.**

This Order increases to £76 the annual registration fee for restaurants, snack-bars and other places of refreshment. The increase takes effect from 1st January 2009 and was calculated at 2.5%, then rounded up to the nearest pound. The fee was last increased a year earlier. The Order was made on 29th September 2008.

**R&O.127/2008.**

This Order increases the annual registration fees for hotels, guest houses and other places of accommodation. The increases take effect from 1st January 2009 and average around 2.5%. The fees were last increased on 1st January 2008. The Order was made on 29th September 2008.

**R&O.128/2008.**

This Order amends the Schedule to the Veterinary Surgeons (Jersey) Law 1999, to enable the States Veterinary Officer to approve suitable people who are not veterinary surgeons to carry out procedures for transferring embryos between cattle. The Order was made on 6th October 2008 and came into force on 13th October 2008.

**R&O.129/2008.**

This Order would increase, with effect from 1st January 2009, the earnings limit above which a person's monthly earnings are disregarded in calculating Class 1 contributions under the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974. The increase would be from £3,394 to £3,540, or 4.3% from one year to the next. The Order was made on 10th October 2008 and comes into force on 1st January 2009.

**R&O.130/2008.**

This Order increases the fees payable in relation to pilotage by 3.9%, except the charge for a pilot's licence which is increased from £21.50 to £70. The fees were last increased on 1st January 2008. The Order was made on 10th October 2008 and comes into force on 1st January 2009.

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

“Can the Minister provide, for comparative purposes, updates to the answers tabled by his department on the 11th March 2008 in relation to composting costs for 2008?”

2. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

1. When the Jersey Homes Trust took on the management of Berkshire Court what were the terms of the agreement with the States, if any, at that time in respect of occupants and States interaction or oversight in the future of the running of this site?

2. Was the development supposed to be for the over 50's only ?

3. Do any States agreements exist in relation to the operation of other Housing trusts?

4. Does the Minister have any power to influence or instruct the expenditure of housing trusts where there is clear evidence that security measures or maintenance of properties is being compromised?”

3. The Chairman of Health and Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement –

“R.89/2008 regarding the implementation of Dr. K. Bull's Report into Children with Social Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) states, with regard to recommendation 17.1.8, that 'a recommendation for an External Independent Review Group was effectively superseded by the introduction (under Ministerial Government) of the Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel' (Scrutiny panel now split into two).

Can the Chairman outline whether his panel have implemented the 'Bull' recommendations 17.1.8 and 17.2.1 (relating to the management of the revamped facility) and, if so, can he explain why they have not produced any report to show that this work has been undertaken?”

4. The Chairman of the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement –

“R.89/2008 regarding the implementation of Dr. K. Bull's Report into Children with Social Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) states, with regard to recommendation 17.1.8, that 'a recommendation for an External Independent Review Group was effectively superseded by the introduction (under Ministerial Government) of the Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel' (Scrutiny panel now split into two).

Can the Chairman outline whether his panel have implemented the 'Bull' recommendations 17.1.8

and 17.2.1 (relating to the management of the revamped facility) and, if so, can he explain why they have not produced any report to show that this work has been undertaken?"

5. The Minister for Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement –

“R.89/2008 regarding the implementation of Dr. K. Bull's Report into Children with Social Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (SEBD) states, with regard to recommendation 17.1.8, that 'a recommendation for an External Independent Review Group was effectively superseded by the introduction (under Ministerial Government) of the Social Affairs Scrutiny Panel' (Scrutiny panel now split into two).

- (a) Can the Minister explain how the Children's Executive arrived at this decision?
- (b) Was the decision was communicated to the Scrutiny function, and if so, how?
- (c) Did this decision meet both recommendations 17.1.8 and 17.2.1 (relating to the management of the re-vamped facility)?
- (d) How many times have Ministers appeared before Scrutiny Panels to discuss these recommendations?
- (e) Is the Children's Executive satisfied that its decision has worked in practice in a way envisaged by the 'Bull' report?"

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

“Can the Chief Minister confirm whether the contractor on Liberty Wharf, Deerglen (Jersey) has had an adjudication awarded against the company to the amount of £146,000 owed to AKL (Air Conditioning Kent) Ltd now lodged in the High Court, Holborn and, if so, will he consider an investigation into the tender processes and contractual arrangements made by Harcourt on this project?"

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

“Has the Minister yet succeeded in appointing an employer representative to chair the new Skills Executive and will he further give members details of the terms under which the post has been advertised both in the past and currently?"

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

“Given that the Minister has publicly committed himself to population control, by imposing firm limits on the number of jobs created, does he consider that the latest figures on job growth to June 2008 from the Statistics Office which show that over 1500 jobs have been created in the past 12 months, 40% of which have gone to non-locally qualified people and J-cats, demonstrate that under his leadership of Economic Development that such firm limits have been successfully imposed?"

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

“Does the Chief Minister accept, in the light of recent population, immigration and job growth figures that one of the first tasks of a new Council of Ministers will be to bring to the Assembly a policy for controlling population and, if not, why not?"

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

Helier –

“What response, if any, has been received from the governments of major European banking centres to the Island’s request to extend any savings guarantees to the £196 billion held in Jersey?”

What realistic prospect is there of getting such guarantees for the commitment of European tax payers’ money without damaging breaches of privacy?”

11. The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“In the light of the Comptroller and Auditor General’s reservations expressed in paragraph 21 of his report of May 2008 “Emerging Issues” on the scope for further expenditure reductions, does the Public Accounts Committee consider that the savings can be made as efficiency savings, rather than as service cuts?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members whether the ‘Access to Higher Education’ course at Highlands College qualifies for child care assistance to parents under Income Support, and if not, why not?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members what mechanisms, if any, he is pursuing to give better incentives to those taking up work and to protect pensioner savings under Income Support?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members whether Income Support applicants who notify the department of a change of circumstances promptly on finding or returning to work and thereby increasing their income, are routinely charged for an “overpayment” of benefit for the time taken to establish their new level of benefit?

Can he further state whether in such circumstances the Department may insist on the repayment of this “overpayment” within 6 months, leading to weekly repayments of £12 on an overpayment of £300, and if so, will he inform members what actions, if any, he is prepared to take to rectify the situation to avoid pushing families further into poverty?”

15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following asked by Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour –

“Would the Minister provide members with data showing the total number of appointments at doctors’ surgeries each month between January and September 2008, and also provide comparative data for the same period of 2007?”

**ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE**

(See Item I(c))

**First 15 minute period**

**Second 15 minute period**

**2nd December**

**Housing**

**Chief Minister**