

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 16th September 2008

- A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER
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- I. QUESTIONS

(a) – **Written Questions**

*(attached)*

1. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding payments for protection from GST for those on Income Support.
2. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the release of the anonymised raw data on households receiving Income Support to Scrutiny.
3. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the cost of the Income Support system.
4. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding 'j' category consents to purchase.
5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the provision for a pay award for States employees in 2009.
6. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the availability of connections to the north of England over the winter period.
7. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the absorption of the 3.7 per cent annual uprating of Income Support to meet increased accommodation costs.

8. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding meeting the cost of X rays or other scans through the Income Support scheme.
9. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the net job-growth figure over the five-year period to date.
10. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the net job-growth figure over the five-year period to date.
11. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the ownership of share-transfer properties.
12. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the case for the introduction of a third supermarket retailer in the Island.

**(b) – Oral Questions**

(90 minutes)

1. Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –  
  
“Could the Minister inform members whether the number of people who previously received benefit from the Social Security Department to enable them to send their children to childcare providers stayed the same after the implementation of Income Support, and is he aware of any childcare providers who are now suffering financial hardship, due to less parents on Income Support being able to afford to pay for childcare?”
2. Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –  
  
“Can the Minister confirm whether the Department is experiencing an excess of demand over the supply of respite care beds?”
3. Deputy S.S.P.A. Power of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –  
  
“Can the Minister advise the Assembly whether the Department’s trial of the 2 electric Smart cars supplied by the JEC was successful and whether he has any plans to specify that Hybrid Diesel/Electric buses should be incorporated into the future Connex Public Bus Transport fleet?”
4. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –  
  
“Given that it is predicted that new cancer drugs will cost the National Health Service an additional £50 billion next year, would the Minister outline the implications for patients with cancer who wish to have access to these drugs in Jersey and the impact on the Health and Social Services budget?”
5. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –  
  
“Will the Minister undertake to consider the provision of a rebate of rent or a portion thereof,

for residents of the Cedars who have had to endure disruptions to their lives over the last few months as a result of renovation works?”

6. 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 Department has yet instigated action against any individuals in receipt of Income Support which involve the powers granted under the Income Support (Jersey) Law 2007 to withhold benefits?”

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

“Following the Minister’s statement on 11th September 2008, that there are small incentives to work and save within the Income Support system, will he explain to members how these work in relation to how additional earnings below £40 and over £40 per week affect Income Support payments and how savings, above the newly defined limits, impact upon entitlement to Income Support payments?”

8. Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources–

“What were the initial costs to the States of implementing GST and what are the annual ongoing costs to maintain it?”

9. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Will the Minister outline how young job seekers are presently advised of their entitlement to a Job Seekers Allowance (around £80,00 per week) in their own right under the Income Support scheme and advise the Assembly whether this entitlement will be more widely publicised once the skills executive staff are based at the Social Security Department?”

10. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister advise whether he will be following the example of the United Kingdom Education Minister who will be issuing all school children between the ages of 11 and 14 with a cookery book containing recipes for basic healthy meals and has given an undertaking to increase cookery lessons to 4 hours a week by 2011 under a programme aimed at tackling obesity, and if not why?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Home Affairs

2nd question period – Chief Minister

**J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

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

**L. PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Lodged: 15th July 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): amendment. Lodged: 29th August 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): amendment (P.113/2008 Amd.)– comments. Presented: 12th September 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): second amendment. Lodged: 1st September 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(2).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): second amendment (P.113/2008 Amd.(2))– comments. Presented: 9th September 2008. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(2). Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): third amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy of St. Ouen.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(3).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): third amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (3)) – comments. Presented: 12th September 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(3)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): fourth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(4).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): fourth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (4)) – comments. Presented: 8th September 2008. <i>Public Accounts Committee.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(4)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): fourth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (4)) – amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Senator F.E. Cohen.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(4). Amd.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): fifth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Public Accounts Committee.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(5).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): fifth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (5)) – amendment. Lodged: 12th September 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(5)Amd.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): sixth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(6).

Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): sixth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (6)) – comments. Presented: 12th September 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(6)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): seventh amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(7).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): seventh amendment (P.113/2008 Amd.(7))– comments. Presented: 12th September 2008. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(7)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): eighth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy C.J. Scott Warren of St. Saviour.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(8)
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): eighth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (8)) – comments. Presented: 8th September 2008. <i>Minister for Health and Social Services.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(8)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): ninth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(9)
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): ninth amendment (P.113/2008 Amd. (9)) – comments. Presented: 12th September 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(9)Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): tenth amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy of St. Ouen.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(10).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): eleventh amendment. Lodged: 2nd September 2008. <i>Deputy of St. Ouen.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(11).
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): eleventh amendment (P.113/2008 Amd.(11))– comments. Presented: 9th September 2008. <i>Minister for Transport and Technical Services.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(11) Com.
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): eleventh amendment (P.113/2008 Amd.(11))– comments. Presented: 10th September 2008. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(11) Com.(2)
Annual Business Plan 2009 (P.113/2008): twelfth amendment. Lodged: 12th September 2008. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.113/2008. Amd.(12)
Esplanade Quarter Masterplan, St. Helier: development agreement– approval	P.111/2008.

by the States.

Lodged: 3rd July 2008.

*Senator J.L. Perchard.*

Draft Companies (Annual Returns – Additional Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.129/2008.

Lodged: 4th August 2008.

*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Companies (Annual Returns – Additional Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.129/2008): amendment. P.129/2008.  
Amd.

Lodged: 3rd September 2008.

*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.130/2008.

Lodged: 4th August 2008.

*Minister for Home Affairs.*

Energy From Waste Facility: Public Inquiry. P.136/2008.

Lodged: 28th August 2008.

*Connétable of St. Helier.*

Income support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy. P.138/2008.

Lodged: 2nd September 2008.

*Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence.*

Income support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy (P.138/2008) – addendum to report. P.138/2008.  
Add.

Presented: 8th September 2008.

*Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence.*

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

### **21st October 2008**

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy. P.76/2008.

Lodged: 23rd May 2008.

*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

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 Arrangement. P.132/2008.

Lodged: 14th August 2008.

*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Artificial Insemination of Bovines: fees. P.135/2008.

Lodged: 26th August 2008.

*Minister for Planning and Environment.*

Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants' Deposits. P.137/2008.

Lodged: 29th August 2008. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	
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.
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 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 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.

**3rd February 2009**

Machinery of Government: modifications. Lodged: 8th September 2008. <i>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.</i>	P.141/2008.
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**M.N. DE LA HAYE**  
**Greffier of the States**

11th September 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 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th September 2008.**

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

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

“Further to his answer on 15th July 2008 regarding payments for protection from GST for those on Income Support, in which he revealed that over 2,700 households would not be eligible for this protection will the Minister inform members what categories of households are so affected and what measures, if any, are in place to cushion these households from the impact of GST?”

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

“Following his agreement on 15th July 2008, to release the anonymised raw data on households receiving Income Support to allow further analysis by Scrutiny, can the Minister explain to members why this data has not yet been released, some 8 weeks later?”

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

“Will the Minister identify for members the following data on the costs of Income Support (IS) -

- a) the total sum spent on the previous benefits and support systems replaced by IS, broken down into individual benefits;
- b) the estimates for the total sum to be spent on IS broken down by components;
- c) the overall sum delivered in the first 6 months of operation of IS;
- d) the costs of adjustments already made to the IS scheme (to accommodate Attendance Allowance etc) and the extensions to transitional support and other proposed changes;
- e) the total costs of GST support and annual uprating;
- f) the source of the sums referred to in d) and e) above?”

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

“Further to his response on 15th July 2008 relating to ‘j’ category consents to purchase, will the Minister detail for members the types of accommodation purchased by the 287 ‘j’ category residents in 2006 and 2007 along with the prices paid in appropriate bands? Does he consider that the 50 per cent increase in ‘j’ category purchases in 2006/7 over the equivalent rate in 2005 corresponds with a five-fold increase in house price inflation over the same period?”

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

“Having announced that the provision for a pay award for States employees in 2009 will be based on RPI(Y) (inflation less impact of GST and housing costs) and that this has been set in the 2008 Business Plan at 2%, but that RPI(Y) is already 3.9% what plans, if any, does the Minister have to accommodate these changed conditions following the decision to fund the Energy from Waste plant from the Consolidated Fund?”



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

“Following the withdrawal of flights or operators from certain routes to and from Jersey over the winter period, will the Minister inform members what connections to the north of England (Leeds/Bradford, Durham/Tees Valley, Newcastle, Doncaster, Liverpool) will be available to Islanders over the period October to March?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members whether some recipients of the accommodation component of Income Support in States housing will not benefit from the 3.7% annual uprating of Income Support since the increase in benefit will go directly to their rental payment which has also been raised by 3.7%, and, if so, how many households will be affected?”

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

“Will the Minister state what progress, if any, has been made towards a scheme that will agree a simple mechanism to identify those on Income Support who need additional financial support for the cost of X rays or other scans requested by their GP?”

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

“In the Annual Performance Review 2007 the net job-growth figure over the five-year period to date is described as being below the annual target of 1% (500 jobs), in fact 0.7%. Will the Minister explain to members how this statement correlates with the official employment figure taken from Jersey Labour Market December 2007 of net growth over the 5 years of 2,770 jobs or 1.1%?”

Given that this figure is likely to rise this year as the 2003 figure of 650 job losses drops out of the calculation, what measures, if any, will the Minister take to ensure that this States-agreed target is met so as to achieve truly “sustainable and controlled” growth.

As the report also states that around one third of these new jobs in 2007 were taken by non qualified and migrant staff, thereby increasing the proportion of non qualified staff in the private sector workforce, what measures, if any, is the Minister prepared to take to curb this influx of migrant workers?”

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

“In his response to a question on migration asked on 15th July 2008, the Chief Minister referred to the net job-growth figure over the five-year period to date as being below the annual target of 1% (500 jobs), in fact 0.7%. Will he explain to members how this statement correlates with the official employment figure, taken from Jersey Labour Market December 2007, of net growth over the 5 years of 2,770 jobs or 1.1%?”

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

St. Helier -

“Can the Minister explain the discrepancy between the different figures for ownership of share-transfer properties between himself and Deputy S.C. Ferguson of St Brelade given in July 2008, and if not when, if at all, will he agree to investigate this issue and report to the Assembly?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members whether he accepts that the conclusion of the DTZ report is that whilst the case for the introduction of a third supermarket retailer has not been made, a “deep-discount” supermarket operator such as Lidl or Aldi would be an appropriate addition to the retail mix in Jersey?”

Can the Minister inform members why he considers that it is necessary to conduct an opinion poll over this issue? What additional information does he expect to produce from such a survey? Will he ensure that the public are clearly informed about the essential facts that emerge from the Experian and JCRA retail reports along with those from the Scrutiny and DTZ reports to ensure that any survey of opinion is properly informed?

Does the Minister accept that there has so far been little attention paid to the staffing requirement should a third competitor in the sector be accepted and will he agree to undertake such an assessment of where staff would be sourced under the Regulation of Undertakings and Development Law for such a move?”

## ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

	<b>First 15 minute period</b>	<b>Second 15 minute period</b>
	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Minister</b>
21st October	Health and Social Services	Transport & Technical Services
2nd December	Housing	Chief Minister