

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 3rd November 2009

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

1. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier regarding the qualifications and experience of his Ministers.
2. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding the cost of press liaison services during a recent drugs case.

3. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier regarding the policing powers of the Connétables.
4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Mary regarding contractors in schools.
5. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding Literacy and Numeracy levels in primary schools.
6. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour regarding appointments to States bodies.
7. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the management of the Incinerator project.
8. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding accidents along La Rue des Buttes, St. Mary.
9. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the contract with Connex.
10. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding contamination of the Airport Fire Training ground.
11. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding Zero Ten proposals.
12. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding affordable housing.
13. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Whitehead report.
14. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Fiscal Strategy Review Steering Group.
15. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the structural deficit.
16. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the States exposure to injury claims.

**(b) – Oral Questions**

(120 minutes)

1. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –  
  
“Given that in the 1990’s (AFFF) Aqueous Film Forming Foam contaminated the water courses in the area below the Airport apron, would the Minister advise what the cost to date of the clean up and supply of portable water supplies to the homes in that area has been and what health effects, if any, there are from ingesting water containing traces of AFFF and PFOS (Per Fluoro Octyl Sulphonate)?”

2. Senator B.E. Shenton will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources—

“Can the Minister estimate the total cost (including insurance, staff, premises, security and so on) of continuing to pay approximately 140 staff in cash each week and will he be taking steps to phase out this practice?”
3. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“What targets, if any, have been set by the Minister for the time taken to process applications by small businesses for financial assistance; is he satisfied with the speed of the process and, if not, what change, if any, is he proposing?”
4. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Given that 5 vehicles have gone over the yellow line at the Bethlehem Chapel junction (B26 La Rue de la Rosière/La Rue des Buttes) and crashed into the wall opposite in the last 10 years or so, can the Minister provide details of any work undertaken by the Transport and Technical Services Department to determine the cause of these accidents?”
5. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Given that in comments on P.131/2009 regarding the appointment of a body to investigate the suspension of a Consultant Gynaecologist, the Chief Minister stated that he had asked for an independent review to be carried out by external competent person with relevant experience with health management, will he inform Members who is undertaking the investigation, how much it will cost and when the investigation will be completed?”
6. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Will the Minister explain what steps, if any, the Department of Transport and Technical Services takes to ensure against certain taxi companies abusing their positions by ‘hoarding’ plates and is he aware of a growing feeling of discontent amongst taxi drivers in relation to this practice?”
7. The Connétable of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister confirm whether Department policy states that swimming lessons are recommended for Key Stage 1 and should be compulsory for Key Stage 2 pupils and can he advise whether all primary schools are able to meet these policy requirements and if not, identify the reasons why?”
8. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“What action, if any, will the Chief Minister be taking to address the findings of PricewaterhouseCoopers in appendix E of the Foot Report which estimates that a total of £2 billion is lost by UK tax authorities in Company Tax through the activities of Offshore Finance Centres?”
9. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables –

“Would the Chairman clarify whether certain Parishes have employed private debt collectors to pursue late rates payments?”

10. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister update members regarding his efforts to negotiate a better deal for university students in respect of fees and grants?”

11. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Chief Minister–

“Will the Chief Minister advise the Assembly if the Managing Director of the Waterfront Enterprise Board received a bonus in 2008 and, if so, how much and why ?

12. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables –

“Given that on 6th October 2009, the Chairman advised the Assembly that several of the Connétables to his knowledge still held warrant cards, could he state who they are, why they hold them and which of these Connétables, if any, served time in the Honorary Police in another capacity?”

13. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Could the Minister indicate whether any commercial Jersey Registered Fishing Vessels are being manned by non residentially qualified foreign nationals and, if so, advise whether members of the crews involved hold certificates in Personal Sea Survival, First Aid, Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting and a Radio Licence issued by the UK (Radio Communications Agency) plus a qualification under the Regulation of Undertakings for living and working on Island?”

14. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Given that in his comments on P.118/2009 relating to the review of the role of the unelected members of the States, the Chief Minister stated that a proposition with the names of the Chairman and Panel Members would be lodged on 20th October and debated on 3rd November 2009, will the Chief Minister outline the reasons for the continuing delay?”

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

“Further to news that Guernsey's Health Department has spent £4,000 so far this year sending users of so called ‘legal highs’ to the UK for treatment, most of whom are under the age of eighteen, will the Minister inform members how much, if any, is spent in Jersey on the treatment of such users?”

16. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“What actions, if any, does the Chief Minister have under consideration to co-ordinate efforts to ensure early delivery of the Millenium Town Park?”

17. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Will the Minister advise the Assembly what research, if any, has been carried out to establish

feedback from customers about the buses used by Connex, and outline how the results will be used to inform decisions about which buses to purchase in the future?"

18. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the President of the Chairmen's Committee –

“Will the Chairman consider an interim ban on all media filming, accredited or otherwise, (including photography) of Scrutiny meetings pending proper guidelines being established, and if not, will he instead put an end to the policy which requires members of the citizens' media to give notice of intention to film, but not the established media?"

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

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*Council of Ministers.*

Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.79/2009) – amendment. P.79/2009.  
Lodged: 8th June 2009. Amd.  
*Connétable of St. Helier.*

Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.79/2009) – second amendment. P.79/2009.  
Lodged: 20th October 2009. Amd.(2)  
*Council of Ministers.*

Draft Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Law 200. P.111/2009.  
Lodged: 1st July 2009.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.111/2009): second amendment. P.111/2009.  
Lodged: 16th October 2009. Amd.(2)  
*Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement.*

Draft Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Law 200- (P.111/2009): third amendment. P.111/2009.  
Lodged: 16th October 2009. Amd.(3)  
*Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier.*

Committee of Inquiry into the management of the Health and Social Services P.145/2009.

Department. Lodged: 9th September 2009. <i>Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel.</i>	(re-issued)
Referendum: position of the Connétables in the States. Lodged: 10th September 2009. <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.</i>	P.146/2009.
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Draft Banking Business (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-second reading. Lodged: 2nd June 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i> <i>(principles approved 15th July 2009)</i>	P.86/2009.
Draft Banking Business (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.86/2009): amendment. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.86/2009. Amd.
Draft Banking Business (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.86/2009): second amendment. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.86/2009. Amd.(2)
Draft Banking Business (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.86/2009): third amendment. Lodged: 20th October 2009. <i>Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.86/2009. Amd.(3)
Draft Banking (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200. Lodged: 2nd June 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.87/2009.
Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 32) (Jersey) Law 200. Lodged: 2nd June 2009. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.81/2009.
Strategic Reserve Fund: use for Bank Depositors' Compensation Scheme. Lodged: 2nd June 2009. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.84/2009.
Draft Public Finances (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 2nd June 2009. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.85/2009.
Manual Workers' Joint Council: membership.	P.172/2009.

Presented: 12th October 2009.  
*Chief Minister.*

Public Holidays and Bank Holidays: designation of 26th December 2009. P.173/2009.  
Lodged: 15th October 2009.  
*Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier.*

Public Holidays and Bank Holidays: designation of 26th December 2009 P.173/2009.  
(P.173/2009) – comments. Com.  
Presented: 30th October 2009.  
*Council of Ministers.*

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

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Lodged: 23rd June 2009.  
*Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier.*

Committee of Inquiry: confidential files held by States of Jersey Police on P.104/2009.  
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Presented: 16th October 2009.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Committee of Inquiry: confidential files held by States of Jersey Police on P.104/2009.  
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Lodged: 20th October 2009.  
*Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.*

Draft Gambling Commission (Jersey) Law 200-. P.139/2009.  
Lodged: 8th September 2009.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Gambling Commission (Jersey) Law 200- (P.139/2009): amendment. P.139/2009.  
Lodged: 6th October 2009. Amd.  
*Deputy of St. Martin.*

Draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) P.140/2009.  
Regulations 200-.  
Lodged: 8th September 2009.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) P.140/2009.  
Regulations 200- (P.140/2009): amendment. Amd.  
Lodged: 6th October 2009.  
*Deputy of St. Martin.*

Draft Gambling (2010 Fees) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.141/2009.  
Lodged: 8th September 2009.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

Draft Gambling (2010 Fees) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.141/2009): P.141/2009.  
amendment. Amd.  
Lodged: 6th October 2009.

<i>Deputy of St. Martin.</i>	
Draft Data Protection (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 16th September 2009. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.147/2009.
Young Offenders: naming by the media. Lodged: 17th September 2009. <i>Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier.</i>	P.148/2009.
Young Offenders: naming by the media (P.148/2009) – comments. Presented: 28th October 2009. <i>Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.148/2009. Com.
Young Offenders: naming by the media (P.148/2009) – amendment. Lodged: 14th October 2009. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.148/2009. Amd.
Draft Currency Notes (Variation of Maximum Amount of Issue) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 22nd September 2009. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.152/2009
Social Security Fund: research into alternative funding mechanisms. Lodged; 23rd September 2009. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.153/2009. (re-issued)
Channel Islands Lottery: allocation of profits for 2009–2010. Lodged: 24th September 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.155/2009.
Ratification of the Agreement for the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes between the States of Jersey and the Government of Australia. Lodged: 1st October 2009. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.160/2009.
Ratification of the Agreement for the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes between the States of Jersey and the Government of New Zealand. Lodged: 1st October 2009. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.161/2009.
Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 1st October 2009. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.162/2009.
Draft Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 5th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.165/2009.
Draft Proceeds of Crime (Amendment of Schedule 2) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.166/2009.
Draft Proceeds of Crime (Supervisory Bodies) (Amendment of Law) (No. 2)	P.167/2009.

(Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	
Draft Foundations (Winding up) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.169/2009.
Draft Foundations (Mergers) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 6th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.170/2009.
Provision of States Members' lunches at certain meetings and car parking. Lodged: 7th October 2009. <i>Senator S.C. Ferguson.</i>	P.171/2009.
Employment of States of Jersey Employees Law - proposed changes. Lodged: 16th October 2009. <i>Deputy of St. Martin.</i>	P.175/2009.
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Pension Schemes: dealing with the past service liability. Lodged: 1st July 2009. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.110/2009.
Plémont Holiday Village: acquisition by the Public. Lodged: 9th September 2009. <i>Connétable of St. Ouen.</i>	P.144/2009.
Carbon Intensity of Imported Electricity: review. Lodged: 30th September 2009. <i>Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.</i>	P.156/2009.
Natural Gas Pipeline: strategic study. Lodged: 30th September 2009. <i>Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.</i>	P.157/2009.
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'User Pays' Charges: States of Jersey Police. Lodged: 19th October 2009. <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.176/2009.
Draft Companies (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 20th October 2009. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.177/2009
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*Minister for Economic Development.*

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Lodged: 29th October 2009.  
*Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier.*

**8th December 2009**

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Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.182/2009.  
Lodged: 27th October 2009.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Draft Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.183/2009.  
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*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Jersey) Law 2009 (Appointed Day) Act 200-. P.158/2009.  
Lodged: 30th September 2009.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

Draft Taxation (Land Transactions) (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.159/2009.  
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*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

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Lodged: 27th October 2009.  
*Minister for Health and Social Services.*

Draft Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.184/2009.  
Lodged: 27th October 2009.  
*Minister for Social Security.*

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

**Note –**

**In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2009 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November 2009.**

**Members are reminded that, if necessary, the meeting could continue to Friday 6th November 2009.**

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

(See Item B)

### **R&O.109/2009.**

This Order increases fees, from 1st January 2010, under 3 regimes administered by the Minister for Economic Development.

There is an increase of approximately 2.5% in the fee for an application for registration, or the renewal of registration, of premises as a place of refreshment under Article 4(1) of the Places of Refreshment (Jersey) Law 1967. That fee was last increased on 1st January 2009.

The fees for registration (or renewal) under the Tourism (Jersey) Law 1948 are increased by approximately 2.5%. Those fees were last increased on 1st January 2009.

The fees for testing weighing or measuring equipment, under Article 12 of the Weights and Measures (Jersey) Law 1967, are increased by approximately 15%. Those fees were last increased on 1st January 2004.

The Order was made on 22nd October 2009 and comes into force 1st January 2010.

### **R&O.110/2009.**

This Order would increase, with effect from 1st January 2010, 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 £3,540 to £3,646, or 3% from one year to the next.

The Order was made on 23rd October 2009 and comes into force on 1st January 2010.

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier –  
“Would the Chief Minister inform States Members what qualifications and experience those Ministers he successfully nominated possess for their specific roles?”
  
2. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. John –  
“How much has it cost to date for the UK’s Central Office for Information (COI) to provide press liaison services to the media in respect of the recent drugs case in the Royal Court?  
  
Will H.M. Attorney General provide full details of all sums paid to the COI for the provision of such services from 1st January 2008 to date, including the costs apportioned for the historic child abuse trials?  
  
Will H.M. Attorney General explain why press liaison services are being provided by a UK agency for the current prosecution when the States of Jersey Police employs a full time press liaison officer? Can H.M. Attorney General advise whether the States police press officer is precluded from or unable to provide the service to the media in the current prosecution?  
  
Will H.M. Attorney General provide a full breakdown of all press liaison costs for the current prosecution when it is concluded?”
  
3. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier –  
“As head of the Honorary Police could H.M. Attorney General advise whether the Connétables hold policing powers, and, if so, whether this is appropriate for the holders of political office?”
  
4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Mary –  
“Will the Minister advise whether there is a list of approved contractors for work to be undertaken in Island schools and, if so, advise –
  - (a) how contractors become so listed;
  - (b) how often the list is reviewed and
  - (c) what measures, if any, are taken to ensure that quotes from approved contractors remain competitive with the open market?”
  
5. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour –  
“With reference to his written answer on 20th October 2009, regarding Literacy and Numeracy levels, would the Minister identify for each Primary School the number of students leaving with levels of attainment in English and Mathematics below Level 4?”
  
6. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.G, Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour –

“What proposals, if any, have the Committee developed to revamp the way in which the Assembly considers and approves appointments and when will they be brought forward for debate?”

7. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary –

“Can the Minister inform the Assembly who are the Project Management consultants for the construction of the incinerator, how they were selected to carry out this task, the total value of the contract, the nature of the services which they are contracted to carry out for that sum, and provide an itemized and exact breakdown of the payments made so far and what they were for?”

8. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary –

“Following a written answer on 21st September 2009, can the Minister advise the Assembly of the number of damage-only accidents on B53 (La Rue des Buttes) from the junction at St. Mary’s Church to the junction of B53 with B39 (La Rue de la Frontière) in each of the last 10 years, including accidents at the two junctions, together with, if possible, some indication of their seriousness?”

9. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary –

“What is the Connex schedule for buying new vehicles and how are they funded within the contract?”

10. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. John –

“As AFFF (Aqueous Film Forming Foam) was used in fire fighting in the 90’s at the Airport and contaminated the water courses in the area, can members be told of the cost to date of the clean up and the connection of many households and businesses to a portable water system?

Is water still extracted from the Jersey Water boreholes on the sand dunes below the Airport that were contaminated?

Have elements of PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulphonate) been found in drinking water, and, if so, is this biodegradable, what is the life span and what side effects can it cause in humans?

Have any health complaints been received from residents having ingested affected water, if so how many and what is the nature of their symptoms?

Is the Department still working with the Medical Officer of Health and others to ensure that the contamination is contained, and, if so, what action has being taken?

Does the Minister consider that the settlement agreed by the former Harbours and Airport Committee was sufficient, given on-going costs, and, if so why?

When does the Minister estimate that this contamination will cease?”

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

“Further to answers to oral questions on 20th October 2009, can the Chief Minister advise members what the ‘changing economic circumstances’ were which led to the rejection of Jersey’s zero/ten proposals by ECOFIN?

Can the Chief Minister confirm whether the Isle of Man’s (IOM) zero ten proposals, which came into effect in 2006, were only judged to be non compliant in October 2007?

Will he state what advice, if any, he has received since 2002 and particularly following the IOM decision in 2007 and what sums have been paid to PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) or others over zero /ten compliance?

Will the Chief Minister release to members any written reports/communication from PWC or other external advisors on the issue of the compliance of zero/ten proposals with the EU Code on Business Tax (EUCBT); internal officer advice/reports on EUCBT compliance; any communication with ECOFIN, HMRC or other UK authorities on zero/ten compliance with EUCBT from 2002 to date?

Will the Chief Minister inform members what taxation alternatives, if any, he has under consideration in conjunction with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, to ensure future EUCBT compliance with the Island’s fiscal strategy, and advise when he will present such alternatives to the Assembly?”

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

“What concrete measures, if any, does the Minister have under consideration, with or without the co-operation with the Minister for Planning and Environment, to deal with the conclusions of the Final Report to the Minister for Planning and Environment of Kelvin MacDonald on “Achieving Affordable Housing”, namely:

4.3.22 “no properties are affordable at standard income: debt ratios for those on average income in Jersey or, indeed, for any employment sector?”

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

“Before putting the options outlined in Chapter 5 of the Whitehead report out for consultation, will the Minister assure members that he will first outline his plans to address the underlying issues given in sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the Summary Document, namely:

- All options need to address the key shortfall in funding of £2.5m per annum for day-to-day repairs and £5.0m per annum for planned maintenance and improvements”
- Significant gaps in the statistical evidence on projections of household numbers;
- The adequacy of evidence to determine potential tenure requirements;
- Research into unmet housing need among lower income groups;
- Concerns over any decline in the scale of the social sector?”

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

“Following the Minister’s written answer to my question on 20th October 2009, will he implement the Chief Minister’s commitment to inclusivity by including proponents of progressive tax measures on his review of

the Fiscal Strategy Steering Group, such as the Jersey Democratic Alliance, to ensure the wider alternatives to his own “low-tax, low-spend/small-government, big-business” political philosophy are fully examined, and if not why not?”

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

“Will the Minister detail for members the “structural deficit” identified by his advisors for the year 2012 and beyond (following recovery from the economic recession) giving estimates of the total deficits identified and the contributions to such deficits from each of the potential sources of additional expenditure/reduction in revenues for the years 2012 to 2017?”

16. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary –

“What level of exposure, if any, is faced by the States should a crack in the surface of the cycle track along the Promenade cause a bicycle front wheel to be caught and the cyclist to come off and suffer injury; with whom would the remedy lie; what precedents are there, if any, for this type of action and where can the outcomes of such action be found?”

## ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

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