



STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

21st APRIL 2020

SUMMARY

- 9.30 a.m. Communications by the Presiding Officer and other announcements
Appointments, matters of privilege, petitions (if any)
- Approx. 9.40 a.m. Oral questions with notice
Up to 2 hours
Urgent questions (if any)
- Up to 30 minutes, Oral questions without notice:
divided between the two Ministers
- Minister for the Environment
 - Minister for Health and Social Services
- Statements (if any)*
- Approx. 12.00 p.m. **The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020: extension to Jersey by Order in Council (P.14/2020)**
- Bus service: introduction of through-fares (P.19/2020)**
- Draft Covid-19 (Emergency Provisions – Courts) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.41/2020)**
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- Arrangement of public business at subsequent meetings

Lunch adjournment likely around 12.45 p.m., until 2.15 p.m.

If business is not completed by around 5.30 p.m. the Assembly usually adjourns for the evening and will resume its meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April 2020 if necessary.



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A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Covid-19 (Restricted Movement) (Amendment – Extension) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.39/2020.

Minister for Health and Social Services.

Planning and Building (General Development) (Amendment No. 5 – Covid-19) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.41/2020.

Minister for the Environment.

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Guidance for Commercial Property during the Covid-19 period. R.39/2020.

Presented: 15th April 2020, *Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture.*

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Court proceedings: provision of live-streaming for sittings normally held in public. P.43/2020.

Lodged: 14th April 2020, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.*

Social Security Fund: repayment of States Contribution for 2020. P.44/2020.

Lodged: 14th April 2020, *Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence.*

Draft Covid-19 (Health Insurance Fund) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.45/2020.

Lodged: 15th April 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – **Written Questions**

(attached)

WQ.140/2020 1. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the provision of personal protective equipment.



- WQ.141/2020 2. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Covid Related Emergency Support Scheme.
- WQ.142/2020 3. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour regarding the organisational structure of Government groups dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak.
- WQ.143/2020 4. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour regarding the long-term impact of Government decisions during the Covid-19 outbreak.
- WQ.144/2020 5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour regarding emergency procurement processes.
- WQ.145/2020 6. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour regarding the number of nurses in the Island.
- WQ.146/2020 7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour regarding the number of medical gowns available to the States of Jersey.
- WQ.147/2020 8. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence regarding States income in 2020.
- WQ.148/2020 9. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin regarding the Government's exit strategy from the Covid-19 outbreak.
- WQ.149/2020 10. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin regarding the provision of antibody tests for Covid-19.
- WQ.150/2020 11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin regarding the care and wellbeing of frontline healthcare staff.

(b) – Oral Questions
(120 minutes)

- OQ.108/2020 1. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
“Will the Chief Minister provide a list of the States Members who were consulted before the decision to build the Field Hospital was signed off?”
- OQ.107/2020 2. Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –
“Will the Minister advise the Assembly whether H.M.P. La Moye has adequate personal protective equipment (P.P.E.) provision and whether testing for Coronavirus will be carried out on all staff and inmates?”
- OQ.99/2020 3. Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Minister for the Environment –
“Was the Minister consulted upon any planning policy and Planning Law implications prior to the decision being made to locate a temporary hospital at Millbrook Playing Fields; and, if so, under which policies and statutes did he provide authorisation for the construction of the hospital?”



- OQ.95/2020 4. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –
- “Will the Minister undertake to review Jersey’s tax system once the Covid-19 pandemic has concluded, including the ‘Zero-ten’ regime and G.S.T., in order to ensure that the system is fair, has few anomalies, avoids a disproportionate burden on those with less income and fewer assets, and is consistent in respect of residence?”
- OQ.104/2020 5. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Given the U.K. Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has stated that no test is better than having an unreliable test, will the Minister confirm whether the testing equipment and kit acquired for Jersey has been checked and approved by the Centre for Applied Micro-Biology and Research at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down; and if not, why not?”
- OQ.106/2020 6. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure –
- “Given that creating extra space for people wishing to exercise while observing social distancing is becoming the norm the world over, how, if at all, is the Minister planning to make better provision for walkers and cyclists on the Island’s roads?”
- OQ.103/2020 7. The Connétable of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “What assistance, if any, is being given by the Government during the Coronavirus pandemic to those people who want to make a will but who cannot afford to go to a lawyer?”
- OQ.101/2020 8. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Will the Minister inform members what budget was allocated over the period 2014 to November 2019 to fund the provision of emergency personal protective equipment (P.P.E.) for medical and other staff to protect against the prospect of a flu-like pandemic, such as we have since witnessed?”
- OQ.93/2020 9. Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “What planning is being undertaken to put in place an end point to the ‘stay at home’ order; and what modelling and key indicators will be used within this planning to allow a return to normality?”
- OQ.110/2020 10. Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture –
- “What support, if any, is being given to the non-States-owned utilities to ensure that services are maintained during the Coronavirus crisis?”
- OQ.97/2020 11. Senator Moore will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture –
- “Will the Minister consider revising the business support schemes as time progresses during the Coronavirus crisis to ensure the needs of local businesses are met?”
- OQ.94/2020 12. Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture –



“Which Government bodies and positions are involved in planning the response to the economic impact in Jersey of the Covid-19 pandemic; and who is engaged at a political level in this planning?”

OQ.105/2020 13. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Will the Minister explain the rationale for currently having more ventilators than continuous path airways breathing equipment, given that ventilators are more invasive and require more staff to monitor and operate them, thus potentially limiting treatment options?”

OQ.98/2020 14. Senator K.L. Moore will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Has any audit of personal protective equipment (P.P.E.) been carried out within the last six months and, if so, what were the results?”

OQ.96/2020 15. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Will the Minister explain how there can be confidence that the Island is ‘controlling the curve’ of the spread of Covid-19, given that testing capability in the Island is limited and there is insufficient data to establish how much community transmission there has been?”

OQ.109/2020 16. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Has the Care Commission undertaken any visits to the Island’s care homes since they were ‘locked down’ in March and if not, why not; and what steps, if any, are being undertaken to ensure general safeguarding in homes, given the absence of third parties being able to visit the homes?”

OQ.102/2020 17. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Will the Minister inform members of the current vacancy rates amongst qualified nursing staff, health assistants and other health professionals, and state whether agency nurses will need to be recruited in order to ensure that safety limits are not breached (such as staff-to-bed ratios); and will he further state what the rate of absence currently is for hospital health staff?”

OQ.100/2020 18. Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Will the Chief Minister advise the Assembly whether the tender process for a ‘One Gov New Office Developer Partner’ was completed this month, as planned, and if so, how many firms submitted a tender and were any of them Jersey-based?”

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

1st question period – Minister for the Environment

2nd question period – Minister for Health and Social Services

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS



K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020: extension to Jersey by Order in Council. P.14/2020.
Lodged: 19th February 2020, *Chief Minister*.

The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020: extension to Jersey by Order in Council (P.14/2020) – addendum to report. P.14/2020.
Presented: 25th February 2020, *Chief Minister*. Add.

Bus service: introduction of through-fares. P.19/2020.
Lodged: 12th March 2020, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade*.

Draft Covid-19 (Emergency Provisions – Courts) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.41/2020.
Lodged: 7th April 2020, *Chief Minister*.

Note: Because of the requirement for a six-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Chief Minister will expire on Tuesday 19th May 2020. Furthermore, notification for the proposition to be listed for debate could not be provided in accordance with the timescale set out Standing Order 32. The Chief Minister has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

Draft Covid-19 (Emergency Provisions – Courts) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.41/2020): amendment. P.41/2020.
Lodged: 8th April 2020, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade*. Amd.

Note: Because of the requirement for a two-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the amendment of the Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will expire on Tuesday 22nd April 2020. The Deputy has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the amendment be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

Court proceedings: provision of live-streaming for sittings normally held in public. P.43/2020.
Lodged: 14th April 2020, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade*.

Note: Because of the requirement for a four-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will expire on Tuesday 12th May 2020. The Deputy has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

Draft Covid-19 (Health Insurance Fund) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.45/2020.
Lodged: 15th April 2020, *Minister for Social Security*.

Note: Because of the requirement for a six-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Minister for Social Security will expire on Wednesday 27th May 2020. The Minister has therefore given notice of her intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.



M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

12th May 2020

- Ban on the sale of plastic bags.** P.11/2020.
Lodged: 12th February 2020, *Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier.* (re-issue)
- Draft Limited Liability Companies (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-.** P.35/2020.
Lodged: 30th March 2020, *Minister for External Relations.*
- Social Security Fund: repayment of States Contribution for 2020.** P.44/2020.
Lodged: 14th April 2020, *Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence.*

2nd June 2020

- Draft Amendment (No. 44) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.** P.12/2020.
Lodged: 14th February 2020, *Scrutiny Liaison Committee.*
- Draft Amendment (No. 45) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.** P.13/2020.
Lodged: 14th February 2020, *Scrutiny Liaison Committee.*

16th June 2020

- Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (Mandatory Disclosure Rules for CRS Avoidance Arrangements and Opaque Offshore Structures) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.** P.129/2019.
Lodged: 31st December 2019, *Minister for External Relations.*
- Draft Road Traffic (No. 64) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.** P.10/2020.
Lodged: 3rd February 2020, *Minister for Infrastructure.*

Priorities for the next Island Plan
(Consideration In-Committee Debate)

8th September 2020

- Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.** P.106/2019.
Lodged: 1st October 2019, *Minister for the Environment.*
- Minimum standards for rented dwellings: licensing regulations. S.R.1/2020.
Presented: 21st February 2020.
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.
- Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): second amendment.** P.106/2019.
Lodged: 20th February 2020, *Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.* Amd.(2)



Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): third amendment.
Lodged: 12th March 2020, *Minister for the Environment.*

P.106/2019.
Amd.(3)

DR. M. EGAN
Greffier of the States

16th April 2020

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2019 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April 2020.



Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.39/2020.

Covid-19 (Restricted Movement) (Amendment – Extension) (Jersey) Order 2020.

This Order amends the Covid-19 (Restricted Movement) (Jersey) Order 2020. The amendment extends the period of restricted movement under that Order, which was due to end at 8 a.m. on Monday 13th April 2020, so that it ends instead at 8 a.m. on Monday 27th April 2020.

The Order was made on 9th April 2020 and came into force at 8 a.m. on 13th April 2020.

R&O.41/2020.

Planning and Building (General Development) (Amendment No. 5 – Covid-19) (Jersey) Order 2020.

This Order amends the Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2011, so as to give general permission to the Government of Jersey for temporary work of a kind otherwise permitted by Schedule 1 to that Order, and for a temporary change of use of any land, to enable the creation of emergency medical and related facilities to deal with the Covid-19 epidemic. Such use is limited to 12 months beginning with the date of the change, and after that period the building or land in question must be restored to its previous use and (so far as practicable) its previous condition.

The Order was made on 9th April 2020 and came into force on 10th April 2020.



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister –

- (a) explain how, if at all, the Government’s management of issues around the provision of personal protection equipment (P.P.E.) adheres to World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) or National Health Service (N.H.S.) standards to ensure that staff are not at risk of exposure to Covid-19;
 - (b) advise whether this management includes the rationing of P.P.E. in the Hospital or other healthcare settings; and
 - (c) explain how the Government’s co-operation with care homes ensures that staff in such homes (including those delivering domiciliary care in people’s homes) are properly protected from exposure to Covid-19?”
2. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“In respect of the Covid Related Emergency Support Scheme, will the Minister –

- (a) provide an estimate of the number of workers who are now unemployed, who have been resident in the Island for less than 5 years, and who are therefore eligible for this benefit;
 - (b) state how many people have applied for this scheme;
 - (c) state how many of those considered eligible are estimated to be in some form of tied accommodation linked to the job they have lost; and
 - (d) advise how much it is estimated will be spent through the scheme to alleviate hardship?”
3. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour –

“Will the Chief Minister –

- (a) outline the organisational structure of any Government groups and ‘cells’ involved in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak, including those supporting the Emergencies Council, the Strategic Command Group, the Strategic Co-ordination Group, the Tactical Group and the Recovery Group;
- (b) state which third-party organisations, if any, are participants in these groups or ‘cells’; and
- (c) advise whether there is a ‘business cell’ within this structure and, if so, state which sectors are directly represented in this ‘cell’?”



4. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour –

“Which strategist, or strategic group, if any, is responsible for looking at the long-term impact of the every-day Government decisions being made in response to the outbreak of COVID-19?”

5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour –

“Will the Minister –

- (a) state what emergency procurement processes are currently being used within the States of Jersey, if any, and explain how they differ from ‘business-as-usual’ processes, if at all;
- (b) state which post, if any, has been identified as the lead on ‘emergency procurement’;
- (c) advise what provisions within the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019, if any, restrict the speed at which procurement processes may be followed and further advise whether she will bring forward amendments to the Law in order to speed up procurement processes during the Coronavirus outbreak; and
- (d) advise whether the Government is currently taking the due diligence undertaken by other parties (such as the U.K. Foreign Office) as sufficient for the Government’s procurement processes in order to avoid having to repeat such due diligence?”

6. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour –

“Will the Minister –

- (a) advise how many nurses are required to resource the Hospital if all beds and the Intensive Care Unit are full; and
- (b) state what plans are in place to ensure that an adequate number of nurses for the hospital is resourced and maintained and that any field hospital established during the Coronavirus outbreak can also be resourced?”

7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour –

“Will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many gowns the States currently has;
- (b) how many gowns it is projected will be needed; and
- (c) from where, and when, additional gowns will be obtained?”



8. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence –

“Will the Minister provide details of known States income for the first quarter of 2020 (or, if income is not currently known, forecast income) and the current assumptions, or forecasts, being used by the Treasury and the Comptroller of Taxes to estimate States income for the rest of 2020?”

9. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin –

“Does the Chief Minister intend to publish an outline exit strategy for the Government of Jersey from the COVID-19 outbreak once a marked decline in the spread of infection is achieved?”

10. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin –

“In respect of the Covid-19 outbreak, which supplier, or manufacturer, is the Government of Jersey using for the provision of the 150,000 antibody tests that are on order?”

11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Martin –

“Following the COVID-19 outbreak, what plans are in place to promote the care and wellbeing of frontline healthcare staff?”



ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

| Questions without notice 2020 | | |
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| <u>1st Session 2020</u> | | |
| May 12th | Treasury and Resources | Chief Minister |
| June 2nd | International Development | Home Affairs |
| June 16th | Social Security | Chief Minister |
| June 30th | Infrastructure | External Relations |
| July 14th | Education | Chief Minister |
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| September 8th | Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture | Environment |
| September 22nd | External Relations | Chief Minister |
| October 6th | Children and Housing | Treasury and Resources |
| October 20th | Social Security | Chief Minister |
| November 3rd | Home Affairs | International Development |
| November 17th | Infrastructure | Chief Minister |
| December 1st | International Development | Education |