

STATES OF JERSEY



STATES STRATEGIC PLAN 2009 – 2014 (P.52/2009): THIRD AMENDMENT (P.52/2009 Amd.(3)) – COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 29th May 2009
by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

The Council opposes this Amendment

The Council of Ministers is fully committed to ensuring the curriculum meets the needs of **all** individuals, helping them to realise their potential and providing access to local employment. This can only be achieved through a broad and balanced curriculum, which aims to provide students with a range of key skills, as well as covering a wide range of subjects. Education, Sport and Culture is already working to further develop the curriculum, ensuring that priority is given not only to higher education, but also to vocational training and education that responds to changes in the Island's economy.

The Strategic Plan clearly sets out the ways in which this objective will be achieved, and these are outlined under Priority 12 in the section headed: 'What we will do'. These include the commitment to: *'maintain academic success, and ensure equally good vocational support for young people'*, to *'increase support for non-academic pupils'*, and to *'invest in skills development and vocational training to support new and existing industries'*.

In the report accompanying his amendment, Deputy Pitman has referred to the Youth Imagine Jersey seminar and the need for a variety of career possibilities for young people. The Council of Ministers fully accepts this view, and this is reflected in Priority 2 of the Strategic Plan which identifies the need for a strong, sustainable and **diverse** economy which provides jobs and maximises opportunities for Jersey residents.

In conclusion, the Council of Ministers believes the concerns raised by Deputy Pitman are already dealt with under Priorities 2 and 12 of the Strategic Plan and, as such, recommends the amendment be rejected.