

# STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

## **DRAFT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (ROYAL VISIT) (JERSEY) AMENDMENT ACT 202-**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 21st June 2024  
by the Chief Minister  
Earliest date for debate: 10th September 2024**

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## REPORT

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The Draft Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Royal Visit) (Jersey) Amendment Act 202-, if approved, would provide for a public holiday on Monday, 15th July 2024 on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla to the Bailiwick of Jersey.

On Tuesday, 11th June, the Deputy Bailiff announced in the States Assembly that the King and Queen would be visiting the Bailiwick on Monday, 15th July.<sup>1</sup> Following this announcement, the Government of Jersey decided to propose a public holiday to mark the Royal Visit, having consulted with the Bailiff's Consultative Panel and the Comité des Connétables.<sup>2</sup> The Bailiwick of Guernsey have since announced similar plans to mark the visit of Their Majesties with a public holiday the following day, Tuesday, 16th July.<sup>3</sup>

The last visit by a reigning Monarch was in 2005 for the 60th anniversary of Liberation Day. In 2001, the States Assembly adopted an Act to mark the visit of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.<sup>4</sup> Previous visits were in 1989, 1978, 1957, 1945, 1921, 1859 and in 1846. Visits by a King or Queen are rare, historic occasions.

A public holiday would provide Islanders with the opportunity to celebrate our longstanding and loyal relationship to the Crown and enable as many Islanders as possible to enjoy the day.

### Financial and staffing implications

A public holiday for the Royal Visit will benefit certain sectors of the economy, specifically the hospitality industry. Islanders would be provided with an extended three-day weekend, and the proposed public holiday would coincide with the final of the UEFA European Football Championship (Sunday, 14th July). This is likely to leverage the economic upside for the hospitality sector.

The overall economic impact is uncertain and depends on a number of factors including whether international businesses remain open as their operations elsewhere will.

It should also be noted that the day of the Royal Visit is the final Monday of the school term for the majority of schools in Jersey. A public holiday will enable families to see the Royal Visit together.

In terms of Government and non-Ministerial departments, the cost of paying staff who would have otherwise worked is estimated as circa £2.5 million for the day. This is not an additional cost to the States. The estimate for covering shift payments (including backfill /overtime for time off in lieu, as per terms and conditions) for staff working on that day is approximately £700,000.

### Children's Rights Impact Assessment

An Act of the States under Article 2 of the [Public Holidays and Bank Holidays \(Jersey\) Law 1951](#) is exempt from the requirement to prepare a Children's Rights Impact Assessment.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [States Meeting Summary, 11 June 2024, States Assembly](#)

<sup>2</sup> 'Government proposes public holiday to mark Royal visit', [News Release, 18 June 2024, Government of Jersey](#).

<sup>3</sup> 'Public holiday announced for the visit to Guernsey by King Charles III and Queen Camilla', [News Release, 18 June 2024, States of Guernsey](#).

<sup>4</sup> [P.27/2001](#) refers.

<sup>5</sup> See Schedule 2(c) of the '[Children \(Convention Rights\) \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#)', Jersey Legal Information Board.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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This Act, if passed, would amend the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 2010 to specify that Monday 15 July 2024 is to be observed as a public holiday.

The Act would come into force 7 days after it is passed.



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## DRAFT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (ROYAL VISIT) (JERSEY) AMENDMENT ACT 202-

*Made* [date to be inserted]

*Coming into force* [date to be inserted]

**THE STATES** make this Act under Article 2 of the [Public Holidays and Bank Holidays \(Jersey\) Law 1951](#) –

### 1 [Public Holidays and Bank Holidays \(Jersey\) Act 2010](#) amended

This Act amends the [Public Holidays and Bank Holidays \(Jersey\) Act 2010](#).

### 2 **Article 1 (days to be observed as public holidays) amended**

For Article 1(2) there is substituted –

“(2) Part 2 of the Schedule specifies days that are to be observed as public holidays in one year only.”.

### 3 **Part 2 of Schedule (rules for specific years) amended**

(1) For the entry in Part 2 of the Schedule, there is substituted –

#### “8 **2024: royal visit**

(1) Monday 15 July 2024 is to be observed as a public holiday.

(2) This paragraph is deleted on 31 December 2024.”.

### 4 **Citation and commencement**

This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Royal Visit) (Jersey) Amendment Act 202- and comes into force 7 days after it is made.