

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2010**

Question

Will the Chief Minister inform Members when he submitted the brief/instructions to the Law Draftsman for the amendments to P.175/2009 ('Employment of States of Jersey Employees Law: Proposed Changes') following States approval on 18th November 2009; the date when the draft amendments were returned to him from the Law Draftsman, and will he provide the Assembly with a copy of the brief/instructions submitted to the Law Draftsman?"

Answer

The initial brief/instructions were submitted to the Law Draftsman on 1st December 2009.

There have been a number of drafts and the final draft was dated 19th February 2010.

The initial instructions to the Law Draftsman were taken from the States minute on this issue which I attach for information. The States Employment Board considered a draft amendment at its meeting on 22nd January 2010, at which it decided that, in order to ensure that the policies and activities of the Board remain part of Executive Government, whilst at the same time including a greater breadth of States opinion, further clarification was necessary in two areas:

- 1) The two non-executive members on the Board will be recommended to the States by the Chief Minister and that
- 2) The quorum for a meeting of the Board will consist of at least two Ministers/Assistant Ministers, one of whom may be the Chief Minister himself.

The final draft was approved by the Board and lodged on 1st March 2010.

Employment of States of Jersey Employees Law – proposed changes P.175/2009

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Deputy of St. Martin concerning proposed changes to the Employment of States of Jersey Employees Law. The States, in accordance with Standing Order 26 (8), agreed to reduce the lodging period of an amendment to the amendment of the Chief Minister, so that his amendment to paragraph (a)(i) of the proposition read as follows –

‘that in sub-paragraph (a)(i), for the words “one other Minister” there should be substituted the words “2 other Ministers or Assistant Ministers”, and agreed that the remainder of the amendment (“for the words “and 2 elected members of the States who are neither Ministers nor Assistant Ministers elected by the States.” substitute the words “and 2 elected members of the States, who are not Ministers, to be nominated by the Chief Minister.”) should be disregarded.

THE STATES, adopting an amendment of the Chief Minister, as amended, agreed that in subparagraph (a)(i), for the words “one other Minister” there should be substituted the words “2 other Ministers or Assistant Ministers”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 28 CONTRE: 17 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator B.E. Shenton

Senator P.F. Routier Senator A. Breckon

Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable of St. Helier

Senator A.J.D. Maclean Connétable of St. Lawrence

Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)

Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy of St. Martin

Connétable of Trinity Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Connétable of Grouville Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)

Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Connétable of St. Martin Deputy of St. John

Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Connétable of St. Clement Deputy of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Peter Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Connétable of St. Mary Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)

Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy D. De Sousa (H)

Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)

Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)

Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (a)(i) of a proposition of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, agreed that the Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Jersey) Law 2005 should be amended as necessary to provide that the composition of the States Employment Board should be amended so that it was comprised of the Chief

Minister as Chairman (or another member of the Council of Ministers nominated by the Chief Minister in his or her place) together with 2 other Ministers or Assistant Ministers appointed by the Chief Minister and 2 elected members of the States who were neither Ministers nor Assistant Ministers elected by the States, Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41 CONTRE: 4 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Senator P.F. Routier Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Senator B.E. Shenton Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Senator A. Breckon Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Senator S.C. Ferguson

Senator A.J.D. Maclean

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