STATES OF JERSEY



TRANSFERS BETWEEN HEADS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2019: ARTICLE 18 – 8TH MARCH 2024

Presented to the States on 11th March 2024 by the Minister for Treasury and Resources

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REPORT

Decision(s): Under Article 18(4) of the <u>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019</u> (the Law), the Minister for Treasury and Resources hereby notifies the States, and having consulted with any relevant Minister under Article 18(5) of the Law; that she has agreed to the following –

MD-	Department			
TR- Ref.	From –	To –	£	Funding of –
			expenditure	
			budget of	
			£75,000 and	Reintegration of
			income	Government of Jersey
2024	Justice and Home		budget of	properties into Jersey
-162	Affairs	Infrastructure	£203,000	Properties Holdings

Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under Article 18 of the Law

After the expiry of 4 weeks following the presentation to the States of these transfers, the Minister hereby authorises the Treasurer of the States to action the transfers outlined in the table above.

Background

JPH was established with core responsibility for providing efficient and effective management of the public estate and ensuring that the operational requirements of departments were properly served, compliant and the full cost of occupying property was correctly accounted for. A Ministerial Decision was made to reintegrate Government of Jersey properties into JPH and be responsible for managing the estate in line with the Corporate Island Public Estate Strategy 2021 – 2035.

As part of the 'Property Consolidation' initiative for JPH to manage the entire public property portfolio, the department has been working with JHA regarding taking-over the management of the properties listed at the end of this report.

In summary, this will involve:

- JPH taking over the responsibility of the landlord maintenance of the Properties;
- JPH taking over the lease management of the houses from the Prison Service, including receiving the rental income from the tenants (presently Prison Officers) and the houses from the Jersey Field Squadron; and
- Changes to tenancies and new tenants will be by agreement between JPH and JHA.

A schedule of the properties and a Financial Summary is tabled in the Detail of this report.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve a recurring transfer of expenditure budget of $\pounds 75,000$ and income budget of $\pounds 203,000$ from JHA to Infrastructure with effect from 1 January 2024.

Reasons for Decision

The Island Public Estate Strategy 2021-35 sets out the framework for the management and development of current and future Government of Jersey assets, providing an assessment of existing assets and defines the vision, aims and objectives for the Estates Strategy in the context of the current economic and financial environment, while balancing future needs and aspirations of the island.

This transfer will enable JPH to provide consistent and effective management of the transferred properties to retain their value and safety standards and provide a complete corporate holistic overview of the government estate.

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The relevant Ministers have been consulted.

Resource Implications

The JHA net revenue head of expenditure to increase by an amount of £128,000 and the Infrastructure net revenue head of expenditure to decrease by an identical amount.

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan 2024-2027 and the transfer will be reflected in the next Government Plan 2025-2028 cash limits.

Detail

A schedule of the Properties:

Fire Service

- 1. Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Rouge Bouillion, St Helier, JE2 3ZA
- 2. Western Fire Station, La Route des Quennevais, St Brelade

Prison Service

- 3. 1 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 4. 2 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ

- 5. 3 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 6. 4 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 7. 5 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 8. 6 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 9. 7 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 10. 8 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 9 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
 10 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 13. 11 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 14. 12 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ
- 15. 14 La Rue Baal, St Brelade, JE3 8HQ

The Jersey Field Squadron Royal Engineers

- 16. Le Quesne TA Centre, Mount Bingham, St. Helier, JE2 4XY
- 17. The Flat, TA Centre, Mount Bingham, St. Helier, JE2 4XY
- 18. Ruxley, Longueville Road, St. Saviour, JE2 7SA
- 19. 2 La Croix Crescent, La Rue a Don, Grouville, JE3 9DH
- 20. Caroldene, La Rue de La Hauteur, St. Helier, JE2 3FB
- 21. Brantwood, 6 Six Rues Villas, La Rue, St. Lawrence, JE3 1GL

Financial Summary

Property	JHA Maintenance Budget (£)	JHA Rates (£)	JHA Income Target (£)	JHA Total Budget (£)
Prison Houses	0	3,000	-203,000	-200,000
Jersey Fire HQ	42,000	0	0	42,000
Army Reserves	29,000	1000	0	30,000
Total	71,000	4,000	-203,000	-128,000

This decision can be found on <u>www.gov.je</u> under the following Ministerial Decision references –

• *MD-TR-2024-162*

which were signed on 8th March 2024.