
STATES OF JERSEY



TRANSFERS BETWEEN HEADS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2019: ARTICLE 18 – 3RD MAY 2024

**Presented to the States on 7th May 2024
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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REPORT

Decision(s): Under Article 18(4) of the [Public Finances \(Jersey\) Law 2019](#) (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 –

Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under Article 18 of the Law

MD-TR-Ref.	Department		£	Funding of –
	From –	To –		
2024 - 344	Justice and Home Affairs	States of Jersey Police	10FTE and Up to £396,000 in 2024 £679,000 in 2025 £679,000 in 2026 £679,000 in 2027	Transfer of Emergency Services Control Centre Resources

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

In January 2019, the Ambulance and Fire & Rescue Control function moved to Police Headquarters to create what was then called ‘the Combined Control Room’. Subsequently renamed the ESCC and following a strategic intention to create a fully combined control function, with staff and systems working together in an ‘omnicompetent’ way to support the delivery of an effective and efficient control function for all three emergency services, the Police Control staff moved from SoJP line management to JHA line management, creating one unified staff team in 2023. Cross training began later that year, with the intention of all staff being fully trained by the middle of 2024.

Following the major incidents at the end of 2022 and in 2023 however, the Programme Board has carefully considered options for continuation of the strategic objective to create a fully combined control room, and in consultation with the Heads of the Emergency Services reached the conclusion that reverting to the pre-2023 arrangements would deliver more effective control functions, allowing controllers to focus on one or two specialisms. The ESCC would remain co-located at Police Headquarters with a recognition that moving away from cross training will allow the time to train more deeply and broadly in each specialism and therefore improve the delivery of control functions for each of the services in a different and more effective way than was originally envisaged.

The requested transfer is to remove the Police Control resources from JHA line management and revert to an SoJP command structure. The Head of Finance Business

Partnering, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and Chief Officers of both JHA and SoJP have all agreed to this budget transfer.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the recurring budget transfer from JHA to SoJP with effect from 1st June 2024 to ensure improved service delivery and coordination of ESCC resources.

Reasons for Decision

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 Minister for Justice and Home Affairs has been consulted.

To comply with P.67/1999 which charges the Minister for Treasury and Resources to regulate the number of persons that may be employed by the States.

Resource Implications

The JHA head of expenditure will decrease while the SoJP head of expenditure will increase by 10 FTE and the following amounts for the specified years:

2024	2025	2026	2027
£	£	£	£
Up to £396,000	679,000	679,000	679,000

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan for 2024-27. Transfers from 2025 onwards will be reflected in the Government Plan 2025-2028.

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

- *MD-TR-2024-344*

which were signed on 3rd May 2024.