



Tuesday 29 March 2022

## States Meeting Summary 29 March

### Oral questions with notice

Non-executive States Members asked Ministers oral questions with notice for two hours and 20 minutes. See what questions were asked by skipping to page 11 of the [Order Paper](#).

### Oral questions without notice

After questions with notice, non-executive States Members asked the following Ministers questions without notice for 45 minutes (15 minutes each):

- The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Senator Lyndon Farnham
- The Minister for Children and Education, Deputy Scott Wickenden
- The Chief Minister, Senator John Le Fondré

### Statements

The Minister for Social Security, Deputy Judy Martin, made a [statement](#) on access to free period products, followed by 15 minutes of questions from States Members. After lunch, the same Minister made a [statement](#) on inflationary pressures, followed by 30 minutes of questions from States Members.

Watch a [recording](#) of this morning's States Meeting.

### Public business

#### Use of tasers by States of Jersey Police

The Minister for Home Affairs [proposed](#) that the use of tasers by the States of Jersey Police, which was trialled for one year, should be authorised.

The Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel proposed an [amendment](#) to the Minister for Home Affairs' proposition: to authorise the permanent use of tasers subject to an extension of the trial period to a further 18 months, from 1 March 2022.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to REJECT the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel's amendment to the Minister for Home Affairs' proposition. 29 States Members voted against and 15 voted in favour.

The States Assembly [voted](#) to APPROVE the Minister for Home Affairs' proposition. 35 Members voted in favour and eight voted against.

#### Law to embed children's rights in policy development and decision-making processes

The Minister for Children and Education [proposed](#) a draft Law which would require the States Assembly, Ministers, Government departments and civil society

organisations to consider, when making decisions which may have a direct or indirect impact on a child, children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Minister proposed the Law as amended by the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel's [first amendment](#), which asked for changes to Schedule 2 of the Law to be made through Regulations which are approved by the States Assembly, rather than by Ministerial Order.

The States Assembly has adjourned until [9:30am tomorrow](#), when the debate on the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel's [second amendment](#) to the Minister's proposition will begin.

**-ENDS-**

#### **Notes to Editors**

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