Thursday 31 March 2022

# **States Meeting Summary 31 March**

# **Urgent oral question**

To begin <u>this morning's</u> States Meeting, the Connétable of St John asked the Minister for Treasury and Resources the following <u>urgent oral question</u>:

"In view of the apparent disparity between the Minister's comments in debate on P.18/2022 on the timing of borrowing for the Our Hospital project and the Chief Executive's remarks to the Public Accounts Committee on 28th March, will the Minister confirm whether or not the Government intends to enter into any agreement to borrow money for the Our Hospital project before the formation of the next Council of Ministers?"

#### **Public business**

## Extension of temporary Covid-19 legislation to the end of September

The States Assembly <u>voted</u> to APPROVE the Minister for Health and Social Services' <u>proposal</u> to extend some temporary Covid-19 legislation to 30 September 2022. 38 States Members voted in favour and seven voted against. Legislation to be extended includes regulations related to:

- Restrictions at the border
- Reduced staff in adult care services
- Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies
- Making wills
- The operation of court proceedings

#### Reappointment of Commissioner of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission

The Minister for International Development <u>proposed</u> to re-appoint Therese Morel as a non-States Commissioner of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission for a three-year period, until March 2025.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for International Development's proposition.

#### "Portelet no-take zone" for fishing

The Minister for the Environment <u>proposed</u> regulations which, if approved, would establish a "Portelet no-take zone" which means it would be an offence to fish in this zone, except if it is for scientific research.

After the States Assembly <u>approved</u> the principles, the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel called the regulations in for review. The regulations will return to the States Assembly for debate after Scrutiny has completed its review.

#### Winding up and dissolution of limited liability companies

The Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> regulations to allow for the winding up and dissolution of limited liability companies (LLCs).

The States Assembly unanimously <u>voted</u> to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

# Amendment to the Law in keeping with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations

The Assistant Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> to amend the Law in keeping with the Financial Action Task Force International Standards on Combating Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation.

The States Assembly <u>voted</u> to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

#### Miscellaneous amendments to the 'LLC Law'

The Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> a number of miscellaneous amendments to the 'LLC Law' (which was introduced to allow for the establishment of limited liability companies in Jersey).

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

#### **Provisions for limited liability companies**

The Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> Regulations which prescribe provisions for limited liability companies registered under the 'LLC Law' to ensure LLCs can properly function and maintain regulatory requirements.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

### Changes to legislation to allow the 'LLC Law' to come into force

The Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> Regulations to make changes to existing pieces of legislation so that the 'LLC Law' can be brought into force.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

#### Bringing into force the 'LLC Law' and the 'Amendment Law'

The Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> an Act to bring into force the 'LLC Law' and the 'Amendment Law' which makes amendments to the LLC Law.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

#### Defining the status, role and function of the Jersey Financial Intelligence Unit

The Assistant Minister for External Relations and Financial Services <u>proposed</u> an amendment to Regulations which seek to define the status, role and function of Jersey's Financial Intelligence Unit in compliance with the Financial Action Task Force.

The States Assembly voted to APPROVE the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services' proposition.

#### **Community Costs Bonus**

Senator Kristina Moore WITHDREW her <u>proposition</u> requesting that the Council of Ministers introduce regulations to increase the Community Costs Bonus to offset the impact of cost-of-living increases.

#### **Empty Property Tax**

Deputy Montfort Tadier's <u>proposition</u> requesting for an effective mechanism to be introduced to discourage people from leaving their homes vacant for long periods has been deferred for debate until the next States Meeting.

The States Assembly has adjourned until Monday 25 April, when the final States Meeting of this term of office will begin.

#### -ENDS-

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