



Daily update

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No matter how I've tried, it's the glorious weather that has managed to distract me, which give the States sitting was generally a slow, drawn out listen today – I do suffer on your behalf, I really do – the sunny view has been a blessing.

I can see clearly now the rain is gone,

I can see all obstacles in my way...

The Friday Webchat for this week should prove to be very popular indeed. I'd urge you to click on the link and register for the free webchat.

Having a plan and making decisions quickly, when the pressure is on is something every business can benefit from, and on Friday from 4-5pm, the Friday Chamber Webchat will be looking at Strategy, Communications and Decision Making under pressure. What can we learn as businesses from the last eight weeks? To get a perspective what is like to be making these calls throughout the current crisis, our guest is the **Chief Minister of Guernsey, Gavin St Pier**.

Do register soon and reserve your place to watch on Friday – The registration link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AGZsis_IRsCczigMlkr3sA

You might even have a question or two – email me if you do.

News

Government predicts Coronavirus will cause drop in public revenues

A Government report published today estimates that public revenues in 2020 could drop by £80 million compared to 2019, and not return to pre-Coronavirus levels until 2022.

In autumn 2019, Treasury and Exchequer's Income Forecasting Group forecast a £25 million rise in public revenues in 2020 (from £850 million to £875 million), with further increases every year to reach £985 million in 2023. But in its latest report the group says that the necessary restrictions imposed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 have had an immediate and significant impact on Jersey's economy and public finances.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/ifgreport.aspx>

Government support for bus service



The Government of Jersey has approved funding of almost £400,000 to support the continued public transport services of LibertyBus. The Treasury and Resources Minister, Deputy Susie Pinel, has signed a Ministerial Decision to approve funding of up to £399,300 so that the Island's bus service can continue to operate this essential service throughout these challenging times.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/LibertyBusSupport.aspx>

20,000 responses received to Household Health Survey

The Government of Jersey has received more than 20,000 responses to the Household Health Survey since its launch on 9 April 2020. The survey – which was introduced to establish a picture of the health of Islanders in relation to COVID-19 – has now closed.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/HouseholdHealthSurveyClosure.aspx>

Wider range of essential workers can now take part in COVID-19 antibody survey

The Island's essential workers are being tested for the presence of COVID-19 antibodies. The free testing is part of the Government of Jersey's ongoing COVID-19 testing and tracing programme, designed to monitor and contain the spread of coronavirus in the Island. As part of a wider study, the test is for all essential workers who worked away from home for five or more times during the Stay Home period, between 30 March and 11 May.

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/EssentialWorkersAntibody.aspx>

And in the States Assembly...

The States Assembly has voted to ADOPT the principles of the COVID Safe Distancing proposal.

33 FOR vs 11 AGAINST At the time of writing they had just stopped talking and will be back tomorrow morning.

<https://statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyPropositions/2020/P.66-2020.pdf>

<https://statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyPropositions/2020/P.66-2020Com.pdf>

Help



Dr Ivan Muscat explains the two types of testing

We never got a chance to share this earlier, but here the good Doctor explains all in three and a half minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1S5doeCBAoc>

Taking it to the next Level

Currently in Jersey we are at Level 3 of the Safe Exit Framework. Much talk is of if, and when we might move to Level 2. No news yet, but the summaries of each level can be found here:

<https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/SafeExitFramework/Pages/ExitFramework.aspx>

Travel advice for coronavirus (COVID-19)

As part of the measures set out in Level 3 of Jersey's Safe Exit Strategy, travel across Jersey's border is restricted to necessary travel only, and the use of all commercial sea and air routes, private aircraft and private sea transport, is only permitted with prior authorisation by Jersey Customs and Immigration Service (JCIS).

<https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/Travel/Pages/CoronavirusTravelAdvice.aspx>

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<https://www.jersey.com/big-support-retail>

Now I'd say that is enough for one day, but then I'm thinking sunshine, walk, dinner and a glass of something refreshing... so I may be biased on the matter.

Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind.

It's gonna be a bright

Bright

Sunshiny day

Stay safe and stay in touch,

Murray

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