



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
8th July 2025, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Robert James MacRae, Esquire.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Vice-Admiral Jeremy Paul Kyd, C.B.E. was present.**

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.39 a.m.)
Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.55 a.m.)
Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement – en défaut
Deputy Thomas Antony Coles of St. Helier South – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 10.29 a.m.)
Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour – excused attendance

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), Members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with Members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Connétable Marcus O'Donnel Troy of St. Clement
Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy Beatriz Borges de Sousa Vaz Moreno Porée of St. Helier South

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Health Insurance (Approved Prescribing Practitioners) (Jersey) Order 2025. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	R&O.34/2025.
Single-Use Plastics etc. (Exemptions) (Jersey) Order 2025. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	R&O.35/2025.
Single-Use Plastics etc. (Restrictions) Amendment (Jersey) Commencement Order 2025. <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	R&O.36/2025.

Criminal Procedure (Jersey) Amendment Rules 2025.
Criminal Procedure Rules Committee.

R&O.37/2025.

Documents presented

Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.3/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.3/2025. Com.
Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-. (P.24/2025): amendment. (P.24/2025 Amd): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Minister for Housing.</i>	P.24/2025. Amd. Com.
Draft Children and Young People (Place Of Police Detention) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.40/2025): comments. Presented: 30th June 2025, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.40/2025. Com.
Draft Financial Services (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.41/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.41/2025. Com.
Draft Bank (Recovery and Resolution) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.42/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.42/2025. Com.
Draft Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.43/2025): comments. Presented: 30th June 2025, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.43/2025. Com.
Draft Civil Status (Abolition of Legitimacy etc.) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.44/2025): comments. Presented: 2nd July 2025, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.44/2025. Com.
Meanwhile use of the former Gas Place site (P.48/2025): amendment (P.48/2025 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 1st July 2025, <i>Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement.</i>	P.48/2025. Amd.Add.
Meanwhile use of the former Gas Place site (P.48/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.48/2025. Com.
Continuation of Annual Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (P.49/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.49/2025. Com.
Joined-up public infrastructure framework for an ageing population (P.50/2025): amendment (P.50/2025 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.50/2025. Amd.Add.
Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2025 (P.51/2025): comments. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel.</i>	P.51/2025. Com.
Draft Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.53/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	P.53/2025. Add.

Supplementary Planning Guidance: Parking (P.54/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 1st July 2025, <i>Connétable of St. Helier</i> .	P.54/2025. Add.
Draft Children and Civil Status (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 202-. (P.55/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 3rd July 2025, <i>Minister for Children and Families</i> .	P.55/2025. Add.
Draft Elections (Senators) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.56/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 7th July 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.56/2025. Add.
Staff Recruitment and Retention (R.35/2025 Res): Executive Response – comments. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Public Accounts Committee</i> .	R.35/2025. Res.Com.
Meetings of the States in 2026. Presented: 25th June 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.99/2025.
Jersey Police Complaints Authority Annual Report 2024. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> .	R.100/2025.
States of Jersey Complaints Board: Findings – Complaint by Ms. X against the Minister for the Environment and the Infrastructure and Environment Department regarding their response to a complaint and subsequent investigations conducted. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	R.101/2025.
Archivist’s Annual Report 2024. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	R.102/2025.
Efficiency savings: a Good Practice Guide. Presented: 26th June 2025, <i>Comptroller and Auditor General</i> .	R.103/2025.
Jersey Data Protection Authority: re-appointment of Voting Member. Presented: 27th June 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	R.104/2025.
Re-imagining Youth Justice: A Child-First Roadmap for Jersey 2025-2030. Presented: 30th June 2025, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> .	R.105/2025.
Re-imagining Youth Justice: A Child-First Roadmap for Jersey 2025-2030 – Child-friendly version. Presented: 30th June 2025, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> .	R.106/2025.
The Introduction of Public Interest Disclosure Legislation in Jersey. Presented: 30th June 2025, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	R.107/2025.
Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019: Article 18 – 4th July 2025. Presented: 4th July 2025, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	R.108/2025.
Jersey Council for Safety and Health at Work: appointment of Chair. Presented: 7th July 2025, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	R.109/2025.
Annual Report on Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwelling) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 2023. Presented: 8th July 2025, <i>Minister for the Environment</i> .	R.110/2025.

Procurement by the Government of Jersey.
Presented: 2nd July 2025, *Public Accounts Committee*.

P.A.C.2/2025.

Notification of lodged propositions

Meanwhile use of the former Gas Place site (P.48/2025): amendment. Lodged: 1st July 2025, <i>Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement</i> .	P.48/2025. Amd.
Joined-up public infrastructure framework for an ageing population (P.50/2025): amendment. Lodged: 4th July 2025, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.50/2025. Amd.
Draft Sea Fisheries (Minimum Size Limits) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. Lodged: 26th June 2025, <i>Minister for the Environment</i> .	P.53/2025.
Supplementary Planning Guidance: Parking. Lodged: 1st July 2025, <i>Connétable of St. Helier</i> .	P.54/2025.
Draft Children and Civil Status (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Amendment No. 2 Regulations 202-. Lodged: 3rd July 2025, <i>Minister for Children and Families</i> .	P.55/2025.
Draft Elections (Senators) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-. Lodged: 7th July 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.56/2025.

Privileges and Procedures Committee – Appointment of Chair

THE STATES, in accordance with Standing Order 118, appointed the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee as follows –

Deputy Stephen Morrison Ahier of St. Helier North was nominated by Connétable Richard Vibert of St. Peter

In accordance with Standing Order 118(2), the candidate made a speech and was questioned. Once the period of questions had concluded, there being no other nominations, the Deputy Bailiff declared that Deputy Stephen Morrison Ahier of St. Helier North had been duly appointed as Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Written Questions

(see *Official Report/Hansard*)

- WQ.288/2025 1. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 30th June 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding HIV patients.
- WQ.289/2025 2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 30th June 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding outstanding monies that were owed to the Government.
- WQ.290/2025 3. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 30th June 2025 to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North regarding injuries sustained by prisoners at H.M.P. La Moye.

- WQ.291/2025 4. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 30th June 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding a commissioning framework for charities.
- WQ.292/2025 5. H.M. Attorney General had tabled an answer on 30th June 2025 to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South regarding historical prosecutions for homosexual acts.
- WQ.293/2025 6. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the running costs of the public sector.
- WQ.294/2025 7. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding land and property transactions completed through the Royal Court in 2025.
- WQ.295/2025 8. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the Government's fiscal position.
- WQ.296/2025 9. H.M. Attorney General had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding a review of the effectiveness of the guidance on the application of the new domestic abuse offence of coercive control and controlling behaviour.
- WQ.297/2025 10. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding the drafting of Government legislation.
- WQ.298/2025 11. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the bomb threat at the Airport in March 2025.
- WQ.299/2025 12. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the restructure of the Ports of Jersey.
- WQ.300/2025 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the Emergency Department at the General Hospital.
- WQ.301/2025 14. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding support for new mothers who had not reached the threshold of Social Security contributions for Parental Allowance.
- WQ.302/2025 15. The Minister for Housing had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding insecure housing.
- WQ.303/2025 16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding capital project budgets.
- WQ.304/2025 17. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding schools that were awaiting major capital works or essential repairs.
- WQ.305/2025 18. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding a new public health law.

- WQ.306/2025 19. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the cost of a new public toilet block.
- WQ.307/2025 20. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 7th July 2025 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding mortgage tax relief.

The Deputy Bailiff, following the referral by Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade of the answer to his written question to the Chief Minister (WQ.298/2025), ruled, in accordance with Standing Order 12(4)(b), that the answer tabled on 7th July 2025 to the question did not contravene Standing Order 12(2A) and that an alternative answer was therefore not required.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- OQ.160/2025 1. Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding support for students that were remote learning.
- OQ.159/2025 2. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding items of new expenditure and cost savings in her areas of responsibility.
- OQ.170/2025 3. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding progress on the Heritage and Antiquities Law.
- OQ.163/2025 4. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding Special Educational Needs support.
- OQ.169/2025 5. Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs regarding injuries incurred by prisoners at H.M.P. La Moye.
- OQ.165/2025 6. Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter asked a question of the Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the diagnosis, treatment and management of endometriosis.
- OQ.175/2025 7. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding service provision for deaf Islanders.
- OQ.177/2025 8. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the trend of more people leaving Jersey than moving to the Island.
- OQ.172/2025 9. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Bridging Island Plan Policy GD10 – Percent for art.
- OQ.171/2025 10. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for External Relations regarding OECD Pillar 2 taxes.
- OQ.173/2025 11. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding the flat rate price per lane metre pricing model used by DFDS.
- OQ.164/2025 12. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding access to contraception services.
- OQ.178/2025 13. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding visitor numbers in 2025.

- OQ.162/2025 14. Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding plans for a new Highlands College campus.
- OQ.176/2025 15. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding a grant to Jersey Battle of Flowers (Parades) Limited.
- OQ.166/2025 16. Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding barriers to extending community access to school sporting facilities.
- OQ.167/2025 17. Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the toilet block at West Park.
- OQ.168/2025 18. Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding electronic notifications to patients.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for the Environment answered questions without notice from Members.

The Minister for External Relations answered questions without notice from Members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from Members.

Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee made a Statement regarding the findings and recommendations of the report entitled 'Procurement by the Government of Jersey' (P.A.C.2/2025).

Arrangement of Public Business for the Present Meeting

THE STATES, adopting the request of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of the proposition entitled 'Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2025' (P.51/2025) in order that it might be debated at the present meeting.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern

CONTRE: 1

Deputy B. Ward

ABSTAINED: 0

Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy K.F. Morel
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
 Deputy S.M. Ahier
 Deputy R.J. Ward
 Deputy C.S. Alves
 Deputy I. Gardiner
 Deputy I.J. Gorst
 Deputy K.L. Moore
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec
 Deputy T.A. Coles
 Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy H.M. Miles
 Deputy M.R. Scott
 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy C.D. Curtis
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, adopting the request of the Chief Minister, agreed in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of the amendment of the Council of Ministers to the proposition of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North entitled 'Joined-up public infrastructure framework for an ageing population' (P.50/2025) in order that it might be debated at the present meeting.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 43

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy K.F. Morel

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
 Deputy S.M. Ahier
 Deputy R.J. Ward
 Deputy C.S. Alves
 Deputy I. Gardiner
 Deputy I.J. Gorst
 Deputy L.J. Farnham
 Deputy K.L. Moore
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec
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 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy B. Ward
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- P.3/2025

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- and adopted the principles.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 44

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAINED: 2

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy K.F. Morel
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat

Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy K.M. Wilson

Deputy S.M. Ahier
Deputy R.J. Ward
Deputy C.S. Alves
Deputy I. Gardiner
Deputy I.J. Gorst
Deputy L.J. Farnham
Deputy K.L. Moore
Deputy S.Y. Mézec
Deputy T.A. Coles
Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée
Deputy D.J. Warr
Deputy H.M. Miles
Deputy M.R. Scott
Deputy J. Renouf
Deputy C.D. Curtis
Deputy L.V. Feltham
Deputy R.E. Binet
Deputy H.L. Jeune
Deputy M.E. Millar
Deputy A. Howell
Deputy T.J.A. Binet
Deputy M.R. Ferey
Deputy A.F. Curtis
Deputy B. Ward
Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson
Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, having been informed by the Chair of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 72(1), he wished to have the Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- referred to that Scrutiny Panel, agreed that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 72(6), the 2nd reading of the draft Regulations should be listed to continue on 21st October 2025.

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the Connétable of St. Brelade declared an interest in the subject of the proposition of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, in that he was involved in the Marine Leisure industry.

The Principles of a Draft Law or Draft Regulations– ruling by the Deputy Bailiff

The Deputy Bailiff made the following ruling regarding the Principles of a Draft Law or Draft Regulations and what voting on the principles indicated –

“I have been asked to provide a ruling on what constitutes “the principles” of a Draft Law or Draft Regulations and what a vote on the principles of draft legislation means.

There is no definition in Standing Orders of what constitutes “the principles” of draft legislation. However, a number of Standing Orders govern the progress of draft legislation as it is considered and debated by the Assembly. Standing Order 71, in particular, governs the debate on the principles during the Second Reading of a Draft Law and Draft Regulations. Paragraph (4) of Standing Order 71 states that, in the debate on the principles, “the presiding officer shall not allow any discussion of the detail of any provision of the draft, although a member of the States may refer, in his or her speech, to provisions of the draft, in order to explain why he or she supports, or opposes, the principles of the draft”. Furthermore, Paragraph (5) states that “an amendment to the draft may not be proposed during the debate” and Paragraph (6) provides that “if the States do not agree to the principles of the draft, the draft shall be taken to have been withdrawn”.

From these provisions of Standing Order 71 can be surmised what “the principles” are not. They are not in themselves the detail of draft legislation and a vote on the principles of draft legislation does not therefore tie the Assembly (or any individual Member) to a decision on any particular detail contained in individual Articles or Regulations. Adoption of the principles does not equate to adoption of the draft legislation as further stages of debate need to be completed if the principles are adopted. In essence, adoption of the principles simply allows for the Assembly to confirm that it wishes to continue consideration of the Draft Law or Draft Regulations before it; and to debate the details of that draft legislation (including any amendments to those details that are being proposed).

The principles can perhaps be seen as the high-level purpose of the draft legislation in question, or the rationale underpinning the legislation. This can potentially be gleaned from different sources, including the short title of the legislation, the long title and the rationale provided by the proposer (in either the accompanying report or their speeches). However, whilst these sources might help Members understand the legislation before them, none of them explicitly equate to “the principles” of that legislation.

It is ultimately a matter of personal, political judgement for Members as to whether they vote for or against the principles of a Draft Law or Draft Regulations. It is therefore for each Member individually to determine what they take into account when making that decision. What will be a matter of principle informing the vote of one Member may not be a matter of principle for the next Member.

My ruling is that there is consequently no strict definition of what constitutes “the principles” of a Draft Law or Draft Regulations and that the vote on the principles is a matter of personal choice for each Member. A vote on the principles is a decision on whether the Assembly’s consideration of the draft legislation should continue and whether the detail of that legislation should be debated.”

Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- P.24/2025

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-.

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the following Members declared an interest in the subject of the Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- in that either they, or a relevant person to them, were a landlord –

The Connétable of St. Helier
 The Connétable of St. Peter
 The Connétable of St. Clement
 The Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy Carolyn Fiona Labey of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade
 Deputy Stephen George Luce of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North
 Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour
 Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South
 Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade
 Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John , St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy Andrea Howell of St. John , St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy Thomas John Albert Binet of St. Saviour
 Deputy Alexander Frederick Curtis of St. Clement

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the following Members declared an interest in the subject of the Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- in that either they, or a relevant person to them, were a tenant –

Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South
Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central
Deputy Karen Margaret Wilson of St. Clement
Deputy Max Brennan Andrews of St. Helier North

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 9th July 2025 to continue consideration of the Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- and for the consideration of the other propositions listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.28 p.m.

W.J.C. MILLOW

Deputy Greffier of the States