STATES OF JERSEY

PROPOSED BUDGET 2027-2030 (P.73/2026): TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS TRANSPARENCY AND PRISON READINESS

Lodged au Greffe on 24th November 2026
by Deputy V. Li of St. Helier North
Earliest date for debate: 8th December 2026

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSED BUDGET 2027-2030 (P.73/2026): TWENTY-FIRST AMENDMENT

1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

After the words "Summary Table 3 of the Report" insert the words -

", except that, in Summary Table 3 –

(i) the Head of Expenditure for Justice and Home Affairs should be increased by £165,000; and

(ii) the Head of Expenditure for the Central Reserve should be reduced by £165,000;

with the funding ringfenced within the Head of Expenditure for Justice and Homes Affairs for the Prison Service in readiness for the preparation of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) legislation in 2027."

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (l) –

After the words "Appendix to the accompanying Report" insert the words –

", except that, on page 48, after the words "exceed current forecasts" there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The Minister for Treasury and Resources will publish annually a schedule identifying each service allocated funding from the £5 million assigned to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), including a breakdown of expenditure per VAWG Taskforce recommendation, funding allocated to specialist support organisations, and to specific VAWG projects.""".

DEPUTY V. LI OF ST. HELIER NORTH

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to receive the Budget 2027 – 2030 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (the Law) and specifically –

(a) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the General Revenue Fund in 2027 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law;

(b) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Jersey Capital Investment Fund in 2027 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and

impôts duties changes outlined in the Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law;

(c) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for 2027, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(c), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 of the Report, except that, in Summary Table 3 –

(i) the Head of Expenditure for Justice and Home Affairs should be increased by £165,000; and
(ii) the Head of Expenditure for the Central Reserve should be reduced by £165,000;

with the funding ringfenced within the Head of Expenditure for Justice and Homes Affairs for the Prison Service in readiness for the preparation of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) legislation in 2027;

(d) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Jersey Capital Investment Fund for 2027, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(d), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 4 and 5 of the Report;

(e) to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2027 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 in line with Article 9(2)(e) of the Law;

(f) to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2027, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(f) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts;

(g) to approve for each project that is to be started in 2027 and that has not previously been set out in an approved Budget, the total cost of each such project, in line with Article 9(2)(g), and (h) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report;

(h) to approve any amendments to the proposed total cost for each project that has previously been approved in a Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report;

(i) to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2027 in line with Article 9(2)(j) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 9 to the Report;

(j) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2027 for each head of expenditure

in line with Article 9(2)(k) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 10 to the Report;

(k) to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2027, in line with the terms of reference for the Fund in Government Plan 2020 - 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 11 to the Report; and

(l) to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Budget 2027-2030, as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report, except that, on page 48, after the words "exceed current forecasts" there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The Minister for Treasury and Resources will publish annually a schedule identifying each service allocated funding from the £5 million assigned to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), including a breakdown of expenditure per VAWG Taskforce recommendation, funding allocated to specialist support organisations, and to specific VAWG projects.".

REPORT

This amendment has two parts. Part 1 gives the States of Jersey Prison Service readiness funding for the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) legislation in 2027, as the Police already receive. Part 2 asks the Minister for Treasury and Resources to publish each year how the £5 million for VAWG is allocated and spent. I will be asking the Assembly to vote on these parts separately.

Part 1: Interim Prison funding

The Budget provides £5.0 million in 2027 for services responding to the VAWG legislation approved by the Assembly (page 3). Appendix 3, Table 49 (pages 107–108) shows how it is spread.

The States of Jersey Police receive "Current Demand and New Legislation Readiness" funding in 2027: £2,423,000 in their head of expenditure and a further £702,000 held in the Central Reserve. The Judicial Greffe, Law Officers' Department, Official Analyst and Viscount's Department also receive funding in 2027.

The Prison Service receives nothing in 2027. Its allocation is held in the Central Reserve and starts only in 2028, at £333,000, rising to £703,000 in 2029 and £1,056,000 in 2030 (Table 49).

People convicted of the new offences will be held at HMP La Moye. Staff training, offender interventions and planning need to be in place before that demand arrives, not a year after it.

The Budget also holds contingency in the Central Reserve should VAWG-related case volumes exceed current forecasts (page 48). That contingency is released once demand has appeared. Readiness has to come before demand, which is why the Police have been given readiness funding in 2027. This part gives the Prison the same.

Part 1 provides £165,000 in 2027, around half of the Prison's 2028 allocation, so that preparation can begin during 2027. It is funded from the Central Reserve, whose General Reserve doubles from £5 million in 2026 to £10 million in 2027 (Table 14, page 56). It does not change the estimates for 2028 to 2030.

Part 2: Funding transparency

The £5.0 million is spread across seven heads of expenditure and five lines in the Central Reserve. The Budget sets aside contingency in the Central Reserve but publishes no criteria for releasing it. No single document shows Members or the public what each service will receive and spend.

The legislation and the funding are meant to deliver the recommendations of the VAWG Taskforce. Without a breakdown by recommendation, the Assembly cannot see which recommendations are funded and which are not. Specialist support organisations carry much of the work with victims and survivors, and the schedule would show how much of the funding reaches them.

In the Budget 2026–2029, the Assembly asked for a draft proposal and expenditure for the VAWG legislation, alongside a progress report on implementation. Part 2 builds on

that decision, so that the Assembly can follow the money each year and see whether it reaches the services the legislation depends on.

Financial and staffing implications

Part 1 increases the Justice and Home Affairs head of expenditure by £165,000 in 2027 and reduces the Central Reserve by the same amount. Total expenditure and the General Revenue Fund balance do not change. The funding is ringfenced for the Prison Service, and the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs would confirm how it is used, including any additional posts.

Part 2 can be delivered within existing resources.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

I consider that this amendment has no direct or indirect impact on children and that the duty to have due regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child does not arise. Accordingly, a Children's Rights Impact Assessment is not required under the Children (Convention Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022.