STATES OF JERSEY

PROPOSED BUDGET (GOVERNMENT PLAN) 2026-2029 (P.70/2025): THIRTY-THIRD AMENDMENT (P.70/2025 AMD.(33)) – SECOND AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 10th December 2025
by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (xii) –

After the words “This consolidation would” insert the words “not impact or include the funding provided to the Bailiff’s Chambers as part of arts, culture and heritage funding and would”

After the words “Jersey Library” insert the word “and” before the words “Community Compass”.

After the words “Community Compass” delete the words “Jersey Music Service and Jèrriais teaching”.

MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

1 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (b)(xii) –

After the words “as set in the Appendix to the accompanying Report” insert the words –

“except that, on page 47, after the words “Included in the annex” there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“In order to ensure that budget allocations for arts, culture and heritage are managed in a simple and transparent manner, the Minister or Treasury and Resources shall work with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development during 2026 to consolidate all relevant Government spend under the head of expenditure for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture within the Budget (Government Plan) 2027-2030. This consolidation would not impact or include the funding provided to the Bailiff’s Chambers as part of arts, culture and heritage funding and would exclude funding for entities such as Jersey Library and Community Compass which are considered to fall outside of the scope of the arts, culture and heritage funding line.”

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

(a) In accordance with Article 16 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (the Law) to approve an amendment to the Government Plan 2025 – 2028 (entitled

"Budget 2025 – 2028") to a reduction in the 2025 head of expenditure "Grants to States Funds" as included in Table 5(i) Revenue Heads of Expenditure of that Government Plan from £119,821,000 to £69,821,000.

(b) To receive the Government Plan 2026 – 2029 (entitled "Budget 2026-2029") specified in Article 9(1) of the Law and specifically –

i. to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2026 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 Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law.

ii. to refer to their Act dated 24th June 2003 in which they approved that no new 'user pays' charges be introduced without any such charge receiving prior in principle approval by the States Assembly and accordingly to approve the introduction of two new charges, to be levied by Health and Care Jersey to promote appropriate use of the Emergency Department and for repeated non-attendance of outpatient appointments, detailed in the section entitled "Departmental Income Sources" as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report.

iii. to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2026, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts.

iv. to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2026 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law.

v. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Stabilisation Fund in 2026 of up to £50 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on the availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of the estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026.

vi. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Agricultural Loans Fund in 2026 of up to £5 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026;

vii. to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2026 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 4 to the Report.

viii. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2026, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report.

ix. to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2026 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 to the Report.

x. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2026 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report.

xi. to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2026 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report.

xii. to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2026-2029, as set in the Appendix to the accompanying Report, except that, on page 47, after the words "Included in the annex" there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

"In order to ensure that budget allocations for arts, culture and heritage are managed in a simple and transparent manner, the Minister or Treasury and Resources shall work with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development during 2026 to consolidate all relevant Government spend under the head of expenditure for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture within the Budget (Government Plan) 2027-2030. This consolidation would not impact or include the funding provided to the Bailiff's Chambers as part of arts, culture and heritage funding and would exclude funding for entities such as Jersey Library and Community Compass which are considered to fall outside of the scope of the arts, culture and heritage funding line."

REPORT

The Council of Ministers are grateful to Deputy Tadier for his engagement in preparing this Amendment to Amendment 33.

This Amendment would retain the Jersey Music Service and the teaching of Jèrriais within the 1% for Arts, Culture and Heritage (ACH) but would exclude the Jersey Library and Community Compass from the calculation of the total spending on ACH.

As the Council of Ministers noted in its Comments Paper to Amendment 33, the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development has this year initiated an annual delivery update which reports on all areas of Government spend within the arts, culture and heritage sectors. This provides for centralised reporting on the use of the 1%.

This amendment to Amendment 33 would see such reporting continue in future years and encompass both Jèrriais and the Jersey Music Service. This will enable clear transparency on the use of the 1% for ACH.
In view of the lack of a universal definition for what constitutes arts, culture and heritage spending, this Amendment to Deputy Tadier's Amendment also seeks to more clearly delineate between what is generally agreed to be "in-scope" and what is felt to be inappropriate for inclusion.

Financial and staffing implications

By retaining the Jersey Music Service and funding for Jèrriais within scope of the 1%, this amendment would not create a cost pressure during the life of the 2026-2029 Budget. This is because the Government's Budget as proposed already contained funding in excess of 1% of total Government expenditure for the following areas:

- ACH Support and Grants
- Jèrriais
- Liberation Day and other civic events
- Jersey Music Service

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

I consider that this proposition (amendment) has no direct or indirect impact on children as it relates solely to the allocation of funding and not the allocation of services, therefore 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 (Conventions Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022.