

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Public Call for Evidence

Government Plan



We are gathering evidence for our review of the [Government Plan](#). We are inviting members of the public, local businesses and other stakeholders to send us your views on the Government of Jersey's spending plans.

Your comments can cover any part of the Government Plan, or you may wish to answer the following questions:

Government Spending



The Government Plan shows the actions and new projects that the Government is planning in 2021.

Will these actions and projects help the Government to meet its [five strategic priorities](#) of **Putting Children First**, **Improving Wellbeing**, **Creating a Vibrant Economy**, **Reducing Inequality** and **Protecting the Environment**?

[See Part 2 of the Government Plan for more detail on the Government's planned actions](#)

[See the Annex of the Government Plan for further details of new projects](#)

[See the Government report on planned projects for 2020-2023 \(R.91/2019\) for further details on continuing projects.](#)

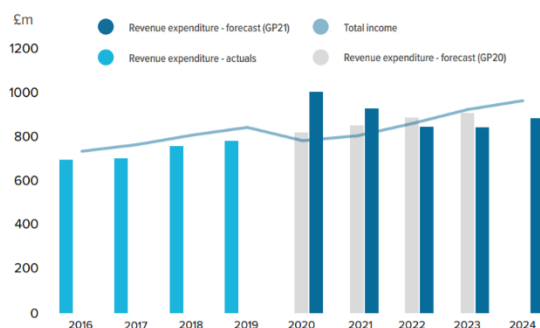
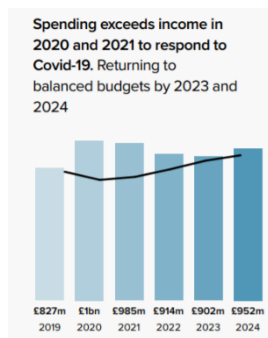


Figure 7 - income and expenditure trends

The Government's net expenditure will be £1,047 million in 2021, and by 2024 is predicted to be £967 million. What are your views on this?

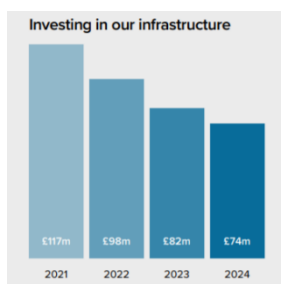
[See Part 4 of Government Plan for more detail on the Government's spending plans](#)



The Government is planning to have higher expenditure than income [until 2023](#), running a budget deficit. What are your views on this?

Our investment in 2021

The Government is planning to spend [£24 million](#) on [new projects](#) in 2021. What are your views on this?



The Government plans to spend [£117 million on major infrastructure projects in 2021](#), such as refurbishing/extending schools, sewage treatments works, new IT systems, etc. This compares to £91 million allocated to be spent in 2020. What are your views on this?

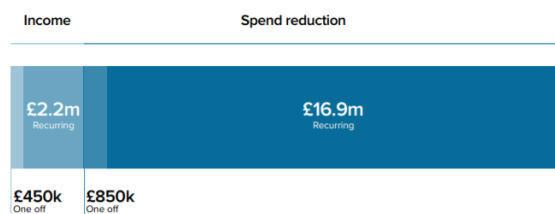


Figure 3 - Efficiencies and other rebalancing measures
Infographic presents income and spend reduction only and has been rounded

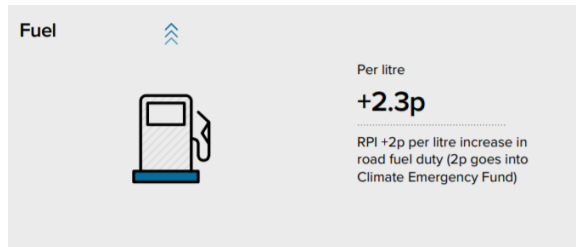
The [Government is planning to save £20 million in 2021](#) by finding ways to work more efficiently as well as rebalancing public finances through one off sales and revenue raising measures. What do you think about this?



Responding
to Covid-19

The [Government is planning to borrow up to £336 million in 2021](#) to cover the costs of responding to the pandemic. What do you think about this?

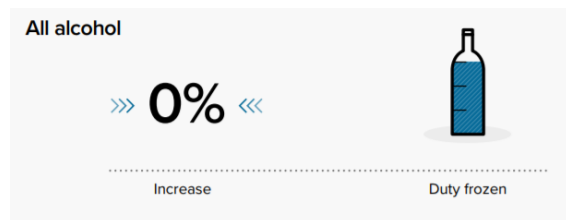
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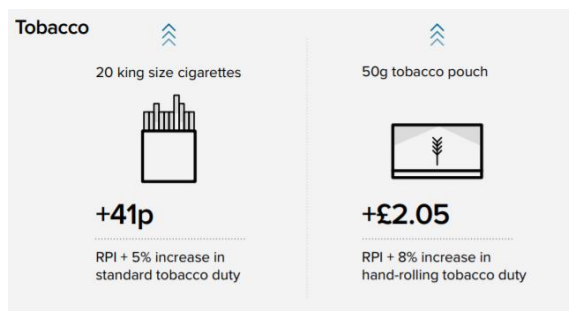
Petrol prices will increase by [RPI plus 2p per litre in 2021](#), of which [2p will go to a new Climate Emergency Fund](#).

Do you agree with this and how will it affect you?

[Read the Budget proposals in detail](#)



There will be no increase in Alcohol duty 2021. What are your views on this, and do you agree with the [Government's strategy](#) of freezing the duty?

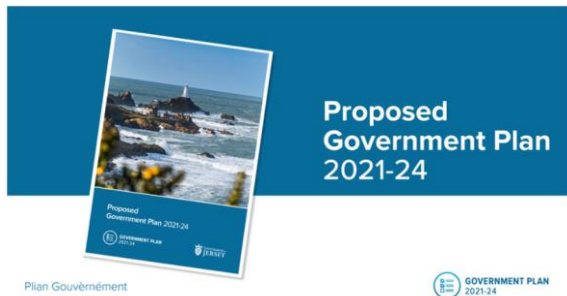


There will be increases to tobacco duty, do you agree with the [Government's tobacco and vaping Strategy](#)?



Income tax allowances will rise in [2021](#), but at a lower rate than in [2020](#). What do you think about this and how will it affect you?

Final Questions



Thinking about the Government Plan as a whole, does the Government do a good enough job of explaining how your taxes are being spent?

Have you been given enough information to understand what the Government is planning?



Which of the above areas do you think are particularly important, and why?



Are there any other issues that we should consider as part of our review?

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