
STATES OF JERSEY



NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 29A OF THE STATES OF JERSEY LAW 2005: CHANGES TO MINISTERIAL OFFICES – DRAFT STATES OF JERSEY (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS) ORDER 202- & CHARITIES (JERSEY) LAW 2014

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by the Chief Minister**

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REPORT

Draft States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions) (Jersey) Order 202-

The Order appended deals with the transfer of the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014 from the Minister for External Relations to the Chief Minister.

In addition, the appended Order renames the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development as the “Minister for Economic Development”, as a minor simplification; renames the Minister for Environment as “Minister for Environment, Agriculture, and Fisheries”, to more completely reflect the functions and transfers to them the Agricultural Returns (Jersey) Law 1947 as a further tidying up exercise recognising that this statistical law relating to agriculture is best assigned to them.

Charities (Jersey) Law 2014

Introduction

The charitable sector is central to the fabric of our community.

Ministers are grateful for the dedication and commitment of all involved.

We wish to deliver a coordinated and supportive environment in which charities can flourish, strengthening the relationship between Government and the charitable sector. Currently, however, responsibility within government is divided.

The Minister for External Relations has responsibility for the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014; and the Minister for Social Security has responsibility for “promotion of the third sector”. In addition, each Minister has responsibility for the charities in their own areas of responsibility.

This is a fragmented environment, and means that government is often tactical and responsive, rather than strategic in its approach.

As Chair of the Council of Ministers, the Chief Minister is responsible for coordinating the common functions of Government. The Chief Minister is therefore best placed to hold overarching responsibility for the charitable sector as an important partner for government.

Once transferred, the Chief Minister intends to delegate these responsibilities to Senator Miles in her capacity as an Assistant Chief Minister. This will provide a political champion for the sector at the heart of government.

Effective Accountability

Individual Ministers are, and will remain, responsible for managing relationships with the charities within their areas of responsibility, including any commissioning or grant arrangements and decisions.

This maintains clear lines of accountability between the Minister, the responsibilities they hold, the charities and other organisations involved in their delivery, and the budgets allocated to them.

In addition, it is important that government acts consistently and in a coordinated manner. Having an assigned champion in government can help with:

- A more consistent tone when engaging with the sector
- More consistent processes and governance practices supporting sustainability and long-term development (including for funding requests, and service and grant agreements).
- An overarching strategic vision for the sector.
- Increased opportunities for promoting philanthropy.

This does not remove accountability from individual Ministers. They remain responsible for decision making in their areas of responsibility. Rather, it provides a better environment in which they can make decisions.

Why transfer to the Chief Minister

When the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014 was lodged, responsibility for the Law rested with the Chief Minister. The purpose of the legislation was clear:

"...to put in place a modern legal framework that will support Jersey charities to flourish, in order that they are better placed to deliver their own aims and objectives and meet community need."

The Law was therefore part of a broader ambition to support a thriving charitable sector while maintaining public trust and confidence.

For several years, responsibility for both the Charities Law and the wider promotion and development of the charitable sector sat with the Chief Minister.

Following the 2018 election, responsibility for the Charities Law was transferred to the Minister for External Relations, while responsibility for the promotion of the charitable sector was assigned to the Minister for Social Security.

This division separated functions that are closely connected.

While there are synergies between charitable activity, philanthropy and the financial services portfolio, responsibility for the Charities (Jersey) Law 2014 is most appropriately discharged at the centre of Government.

The Charities Law, administered proportionally and sensitively, is a fundamental element of supporting the sector. Returning responsibility to the Chief Minister better reflects the original purpose of the legislation and its role in supporting the charitable sector.

Under the States of Jersey Law 2005, the Council of Ministers' functions include "co-ordinating the policies and responsibilities policies and administration for which they are responsible", and the Chief Minister's functions include "coordinating, through the Council of Ministers, the discharge of its common functions".

This change will therefore support coordination across ministerial portfolios and help ensure that Government's approach to charities is consistent, coherent and aligned with wider policy objectives.

Financial Implications

There are no anticipated financial implications of this transfer of functions.

Process

Article 29A(3) of the States of Jersey Law 2005 requires the Chief Minister to present a report to the States Assembly for a 14-day notice period before making an Order to make provision relating to the transfer of functions from one Minister to another.

In this case, a longer period will be provided with the intention of making the Order in September, after the first sitting. This provides more time for relevant stakeholders to comment, should they wish, and for liaison with relevant Panels to take place.

Conclusion

The charitable sector has an essential role in responding to the challenges islanders face, including around the cost of living and wellbeing. This transfer seeks to demonstrate the commitment of government, amplifying the voice of the sector within government and supporting coordinated and consistent responses.



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*Made**[for LDO use only]**Coming into force**[for LDO use only]*

THE CHIEF MINISTER makes this Order under Article 29A of the [States of Jersey Law 2005](#) –

1 Transfer of functions from Minister for External Relations to Chief Minister

In Article 1 (interpretation) of the [Charities \(Jersey\) Law 2014](#), for “Minister for External Relations” there is substituted “Chief Minister”.

2 Transfer of functions from Minister for the Environment to Minister for Planning and Regulation

- (1) In the [Planning and Building \(General Development\) \(Jersey\) Order 2011](#), Schedule 1 (permitted development), Part 7 (demolition), in the row for “Conditions”, in paragraph A.4, for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Planning and Regulation”.
- (2) In the [Royal Court Rules 2004](#), for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Planning and Regulation” in the following places –
 - (a) Rule 15A/1(2)(c);
 - (b) Schedule 4A (form of notice of appeal under the High Hedges (Jersey) Law 2008), in the form;
 - (c) Schedule 4B (form of notice of appeal under the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002), in the form.

3 Minister for Sustainable Economic Development renamed as Minister for Economic Development

- (1) The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development is renamed as the Minister for Economic Development.
- (2) Accordingly, in Article 1 of the [States of Jersey \(Ministerial Offices\) Order 2022](#), for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for Economic Development”.

- (3) Schedule 1 makes further amendments that are consequential on, or incidental or supplementary to, that renaming.

4 Minister for the Environment renamed as Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries

- (1) The Minister for the Environment is renamed as the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries.
- (2) Accordingly, in Article 1 of the [States of Jersey \(Ministerial Offices\) Order 2022](#), for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries”.
- (3) Schedule 2 makes further amendments that are consequential on, or incidental or supplementary to, that renaming.

5 Transfer of functions from Minister for Sustainable Economic Development to the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries

In Article 1(1) (interpretation and application) of the [Agricultural Returns \(Jersey\) Law 1947](#), for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries”.

6 Title

This Order is the States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions) Order 202-.

7 Commencement

- (1) Schedule 1, paragraph 1(2)(a) comes into force when Article 1(1) of the Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law 2026 comes into force.
- (2) Schedule 1, paragraph 1(2)(b) comes into force when Article 3 of the Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law 2026 comes into force.
- (3) Schedule 1, paragraph 1(3) comes into force when Part 1 and Schedule 4 of the Cyber Security (Jersey) Law 2026 comes into force.
- (4) Schedule 1, paragraph 1(4) comes into force when Article 1 of the Heritage (Jersey) Law 2026 comes into force.
- (5) Schedule 2, paragraph 1(6) comes into force immediately after Article 6(1) of the States of Jersey (Ministerial Offices) Amendment Order 2026 comes into force.
- (6) Schedule 2, paragraph 1(7) comes into force when Article 1 of the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2026 comes into force.
- (7) The rest of this Order comes into force 7 days after it is made.

SCHEDULE 1

(Article 3(3))

**CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENTS ON RENAMING
AS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****1 Substitution of Minister's title**

- (1) In each provision in the following table, for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for Economic Development” –

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
Aerodromes (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1952	1 definition of “Minister”
Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 2015	1 definition of “Minister”
Aircraft Registration (Jersey) Law 2014	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Architects (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1954	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 2008	6(2)(b) and 14(2)(b)
Civil Aviation (Supplementary Provisions) (Jersey) Law 1955	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Community Provisions (Ship and Port Facility – Security) (Jersey) Regulations 2004	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Competition (Jersey) Law 2005	1 definition of “Minister”
Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001	1 definition of “Minister”
Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012	48(3)
Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Digital Switchover (Disclosure of Information) (Jersey) Law 2010	1 definition of “Minister”
Electricity (Jersey) Law 1937	14, 26, 30, 35
Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Emergency Powers and Planning (Competent	1

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
Authority) (Food) (Jersey) Act 1991	
Emergency Powers and Planning (Designation of Competent Authorities) (Jersey) Act 2019	2
Emergency Powers and Planning (Jersey) Law 1990	1(1)(c)
Explosives (Jersey) Law 1970	2(2) and 13(2)
Financial Services Ombudsman (Jersey) Law 2014	1 definition of “Minister”
Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (Deposits in Sea Exemptions) (Jersey) Order 2007	Schedule, paragraph 17(a) and (b)
Gambling (Jersey) Law 2012	1 definition of “Minister”
Gambling Commission (Jersey) Law 2010	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961	1 definition of “Minister”
Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Medicines (Jersey) Law 1995	4(2)
Milk Marketing (Registration of Producers) (Jersey) Order 1954	Schedule
Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Jersey) Order 1981	2(5)(b)
Pilotage (Jersey) Law 2009	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Places of Refreshment (Jersey) Law 1967	1 definition of “Minister”
Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002	15 in the heading, 15(1) and (2)
Poisons (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1968	16(2)(d)
Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959	1 definition of “Minister”
Public Health (Ships) (Jersey) Order 1971	1(1) definition of “mooring station”
Public Health (Vessels and Aircraft) (Jersey) Law 1950	2(1A)
Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey)	4(1)

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
Law 1951	
Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Radio Equipment (Jersey) Law 1997	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Jersey) Regulations 2002	11(1)
Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956	68A(8)(b)(iii) in both places
Road Traffic (St. Ouen) (Jersey) Order 1979	Schedule 2 in the second column of the entry relating to “The approach road to Grève de Lecq Pier”
Sea Beaches (Removal of Sand and Stone) (Jersey) Law 1963	2
Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010	28(1) definition of “Ministers” sub-paragraph (e)
Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) (Jersey) Order 2004	1(2)(e)
Shipping (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2013	1(1)
Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Liability and Compensation) (Jersey) Law 2015	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Shipping (Survey and Certification) (Jersey) Order 2013	2(1)(d) and 4(1)(e)
Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Law 2010	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Jersey) Regulations 2011	Schedule 1, paragraph 5
States of Jersey (Ministerial Offices) Order 2022	Schedule 1, paragraphs 1(a), 2, 4, 6 and 7
Supply of Goods and Services (Jersey) Law 2009	1 definition of “Minister”
Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Terrorism (Jersey) Law 2002	Schedule 8, paragraph 11(5)
Tourism (Jersey) Law 1948	1(1) definition of “Minister” and 2

- (2) In the Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law 2026, for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for Economic Development” in –
 - (a) Article 1(1);
 - (b) Article 3(2)(a) and (3).
- (3) In Article 1(1) of the Cyber Security (Jersey) Law 2026, for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for Economic Development” in –
 - (a) Article 1(1);
 - (b) Schedule 4, paragraph 1, 2, 4 and 5.
- (4) In Article 1 of the Heritage (Jersey) Law 2026, for “Minister for Sustainable Economic Development” there is substituted “Minister for Economic Development”.

SCHEDULE 2

(Article 4(3))

**CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENTS ON RENAMING
AS MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES****1 Substitution of Minister's title**

- (1) In each provision in the following table, for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries” –

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
Agricultural Land (Control of Sales and Leases) (Jersey) Law 1974	1 definition of “Minister”
Agricultural Marketing (Jersey) Law 1953	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Agriculture (Guaranteed Prices and Financial Assistance) (Jersey) Law 1965	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Agriculture (Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 2014	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Artificial Insemination of Domestic Animals (Bovine Semen) (Jersey) Order 2008	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Community Provisions (Bovine Embryos) (Jersey) Regulations 2010	1 definition of “Minister”
Community Provisions (Welfare of Animals during Transport) (Jersey) Regulations 2013	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Dangerous Wild Animals (Jersey) Law 1999	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961	1 definition of “Minister”
Endangered Species (CITES) (Designation and Appointment) (Jersey) Order 2012	2 and 3(b)
Endangered Species (CITES) (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2012	2(5)
Endangered Species (CITES) (Jersey) Law 2012	1(1) definition of “Minister” and 6(1)
EU Legislation (Aquatic Animal Health)	1(1) definition of “Minister”

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
(Jersey) Regulations 2016	
EU Legislation (Monitoring of Residues in Animals) (Jersey) Regulations 2019	1(1) definition of “Minister”
EU Legislation (Plant Health) (Jersey) Regulations 2020	1(1) definition of “Minister”
EU Legislation (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) (Jersey) Regulations 2015	4(1) and (3) 11(3) Schedule 6, paragraph 1(2)
EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member States) (Jersey) Regulations 2016	1(1) definition of “Minister”
EU Legislation (Wild Aquatic Animals – Food and Feed) (Jersey) Regulations 2019	1(1) definition of “Minister”
European Communities Legislation (Bluetongue) (Jersey) Regulations 2008	1 definition of “Minister”
European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Cattle Identification) (Jersey) Regulations 2002	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Export of Flowers (Jersey) Order 1972	1 definition of “consignee’s number” and definition of “inspector”, 2(1), 4(1) and (2)
Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (Deposits in Sea Exemptions) (Jersey) Order 2007	Schedule, paragraphs 20(a) and (c), 24(a) and (b)
Howard Davis Farm (Arrangements for further Abrogation of Covenant) (Jersey) Law 2018	Schedule, paragraph 6(2)
Intellectual Property (Plant Varieties) (Jersey) Law 2016	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Official Controls (Animals, Food, Feed and Plant Health etc.) (Jersey) Regulations 2022	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Pesticides (Jersey) Law 1991	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Pet Travel Scheme (Jersey) Regulations 2011	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Plant Health (Jersey) Law 2003	1 definition of “Minister”
Protection of Agricultural Land (Jersey) Law 1964	1 definition of “Minister”

Legislative instrument	Provision (references are to Article or Regulation, as appropriate, where a number is given without more)
Sea Beaches (Removal of Sand and Stone) (Jersey) Law 1963	1(1) and (2)
Sea Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1994	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Sea Fisheries (Vessel Monitoring Systems) (Jersey) Regulations 2014	3(2)
Slaughter of Animals (Jersey) Law 1962	1 definition of “Minister”
Veterinary Surgeons (Jersey) Law 1999	1 definition of “Minister”
Water (Jersey) Law 1972	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Water Pollution (Jersey) Law 2000	1(1) definition of “Minister” and 17(1)(a)
Water Resources (Jersey) Law 2007	1(1) definition of “regulator”
Weeds (Jersey) Law 1961	1(1) definition of “Minister”
Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2021	1(1) definition of “Minister”

- (2) In the [Animal Health \(Jersey\) Law 2016](#), in Article 1(1) for the definition of Minister there is substituted –
- “Minister” means the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (3) In the [Endangered Species \(CITES\) \(Jersey\) Law 2012](#) –
- (a) in Article 1(1), in the definition of “Minister”, for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries”;
- (b) in Article 6(1), for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister”.
- (4) In the [Export of Agricultural Produce \(Jersey\) Order 1972](#) –
- (a) in Article 1, after the definition of “licensee” there is inserted –
- “Minister” means the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (b) in the following provisions, for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister” –
- (i) Article 1 in the definitions of “field officer”, “inspector” and “senior produce inspector”;
- (ii) Article 2(1) in the 4 places it occurs;
- (iii) Article 3(1) in both places it occurs;
- (iv) Article 4(1) and (2);
- (v) Article 5(2) in both places it occurs, (3) in both places it occurs, (4), (5)(g), (6) in both places it occurs, (8), (9), (10) in both places it occurs, (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) in the 3 places it occurs;

- (vi) Article 6(1), (2) in both places it occurs and (5);
- (vii) Article 8(1) in both places, (2)(a) and (b);
- (viii) in Schedule 2 –
 - (A) Part 2, in the paragraph headed “Presentation”;
 - (B) Part 5, in the paragraph headed “Presentation”;
 - (C) Part 7, in the paragraph headed “Grading” in the 4 places it occurs;
 - (D) Part 8, in the paragraph headed “Covers and Markings”.
- (5) In the [Potatoes \(Precautions against Blight\) \(Jersey\) Order 1961](#) –
 - (a) in Article 1, after the definition of “lifting” there is inserted –
“Minister” means the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries;
 - (b) in the following provisions, for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister” –
 - (i) Article 1 in the definitions of “general notice”, “inspector” and “permit”;
 - (ii) Article 2(1);
 - (iii) Article 4(4);
 - (iv) Article 6(1), (2) and (3) in both places it occurs;
 - (v) Article 7(1), (2) and (3);
 - (vi) Article 8(1).
- (6) In Article 1 of the [Agriculture and Fisheries \(Loans\) \(Jersey\) Law 2026](#), for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries”.
- (7) In Article 1 of the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2026, in the definition of “Minister” for “Minister for the Environment” there is substituted “Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order makes a series of transfers of functions between Ministers and renames 2 Ministers.

Article 1 transfers responsibility for the [Charities \(Jersey\) Law 2014](#) from the Minister for External Relations to the Chief Minister.

Article 2 makes amendments that transfer some more functions of the Minister for the Environment to the Minister for Planning and Regulation (in addition to those already transferred by Schedule 1 of the States of Jersey (Ministerial Offices) Amendment Order 2026).

Article 3 renames the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development as the Minister for Economic Development and introduces *Schedule 1*, which amends other legislation to reflect the new name.

Article 4 renames the Minister for the Environment as the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries and introduces *Schedule 2*, which amends other legislation to reflect the new name.

Article 5 transfers responsibility for the [Agricultural Returns \(Jersey\) Law 1947](#) from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development to the Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries.

Article 6 gives the title of the Order.

Article 7 states that this Order comes into force 7 days after it is made, except for amendments that are dependent on other legislation coming into force in the future.

