



Vote Number 2012/26

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Billet d'État: IV of 2012
Article: 15
Department/Committee: Parochial Ecclesiastical Rates
Review Committee
Subject: The Repair and Maintenance of Parochial
Church Property
Proposition: Sursis
Proposed by: Deputy L. S. Trott
Seconded by: Deputy T. J. Stephens

To sursis the Article, and direct the Parochial and [sic] Ecclesiastical Rates Review Committee to report back to the States of Deliberation as soon as practicable with its proposals following a further review, to be undertaken through engaging in effective dialogue with the Deanery of Guernsey, and after taking advice from the Law Officers of the Crown, having regard in particular to:

- (a) The relationship between rights of ownership of the parishes as original providers of rectories of all the Island's parishes (including the parishes of Vale and St Peter Port) and rights of parochial clergy appointed under authority of the Crown to reside therein, and also to enjoy the fruits of glebe land;*
- (b) The sustainability of a claim by any of the parochial clergy who might properly be able to claim continuing rights to occupy a rectory and/or the fruits of glebe land and the consequences thereof, including any requirement for payment of compensation;*
- (c) The arrangements that may be appropriate in respect of a parish rectory that is no longer required for the occupation of a parish priest, in light of reducing clergy numbers;*
- (d) The procedures that might appropriately be established to divest ratepayers of responsibility for maintenance of certain items of parochial church property as suggested in paragraph 4.4.2 of that Report, including how best to engage with individual congregations thereon; and*
- (e) Its reconsideration, in light of the above, of the necessity or desirability of establishing Management Boards as proposed in paragraph 4.2.30 of that Report.*