STATES OF DELIBERATION

24th September 2008

Billet d'État No. XII Article No. 13

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy L S Trott **Seconded by:** Deputy B M Flouquet

Requête

<u>Grants and loans for students attending courses of higher and further education off-island</u>

- 1. To insert at the end of the words in Proposition 1: ", provided that the annual cost of that assistance can be contained within an Education Department budget for higher and advanced education which does not exceed £7 million in 2006 values, maintained in real terms".
- 2. To insert at the end of the words in Proposition 2: ", subject to a maximum cash limit for the Education Department's higher and advanced education budget for 2009 and subsequent years of £7 million at 2006 values, maintained in real terms".
- 3. To insert at the end of the words in Proposition 3: "; and in particular, if the outcome of the fee negotiations scheduled for the Spring of 2009 is such that in the opinion of the Department the current system cannot be continued within the budget limited by Propositions 1 and 2, to report back to the States during 2009 with revised funding proposals for students commencing courses from September 2010 onwards, such report to include a reconsideration of funding mechanisms based on the principle of student contributions to fees".

Explanatory Note

For ease of reference, if amended as above the propositions in the Billet would be as follows, with changes marked *in italics*:

1. That the system of States financial assistance towards the tuition and maintenance costs of students attending courses of higher and further education off-island shall continue as at present until the end of the academic year commencing in September 2011, provided that the annual cost of that assistance can be contained within an Education Department budget for higher and advanced education which does not exceed £7 million in 2006 values maintained in real terms.

- 2. To approve the additional funds required for the Education Department's total revenue budget in order that the ring-fenced Higher Education Budget be increased annually in line with demand until the end of the academic year commencing in September 2011, subject to a maximum cash limit for the Education Department's higher and advanced education budget for 2009 and subsequent years of £7 million at 2006 values, maintained in real terms.
- 3. To direct the Education Department to review the existing scheme and report back on it to the States in 2011, or sooner if there is significant change in the funds needed for the existing scheme; and in particular, if the outcome of the fee negotiations scheduled for the Spring of 2009 is such that in the opinion of the Department the current system cannot be continued within the budget limited by Propositions 1 and 2, to report back to the States during 2009 with revised funding proposals for students commencing courses from September 2010 onwards, such report to include a reconsideration of funding mechanisms based on the principle of student contributions to fees.
- 4. To rescind Resolution 3 on Article XI of Billet d'État XXII of 2007.