STATES OF DELIBERATION

8th **March, 2016**

Billet d'État No. VII (Vol. 2)
Article IX

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M H Dorey
Seconded by: Deputy C J Green

Social Welfare Benefits Investigation Committee
Comprehensive Social Welfare Benefits Model

In Proposition 1 to insert immediately after "subject to funding being available," the following: "and subject to Proposition 1A"; and to insert a Proposition 1A as follows:

"1A.   To agree that their decisions in respect of Proposition 1 shall be subject to the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security reviewing the short term rates in paragraph 87 against the current Social Policy Plan's general objective of "equality of opportunity, social inclusion and social justice" and any relevant policies in the new Policy and Resource Plan; taking into consideration the differences between the proposed rates and the current short term rates and those proposed in the Modernisation of Supplementary Benefit Scheme Policy Letters in 2012 and 2013 and the latest measurement of relative poverty.".

Explanatory Note and Rule 15(2) information

Carrying out the investigation proposed in this amendment will not increase the expenditure of the States.

The effect of this amendment is that the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security will have to review the short term rates before bringing a proposition to the States.

The table on the next page shows the proposed short term rates compared to 2015 rates and the rates proposed in the Modernisation of Supplementary Benefit Scheme Policy Letters in 2012 and 2013.

Short term (up to 26 weeks) weekly rates in 2015 terms

	SWBIC proposed £	SPB Current (1) £	Compared to SWBIC £	proposed in 2013 (2) £	reflated to June 2014 (3) £	Compared to SWBIC £	proposed in 2012 (4) £	reflated to June 2014 (3) £	Compared to SWBIC £
Couple householders	171.66	199.43	-27.77	196.34	200.49	-28.83	248.26	266.69	-95.03
Single householders	98.09	138.50	-40.41	136.36	139.24	-41.15	153.25	164.63	-66.54
Single non-householder:									
18 and over	75.11	105.44	-30.33	101.82	103.97	-28.86	118.00	126.73	-51.62
Non householder rent allowance - maximum	75.00								
Member of household:									
18 and over	70.11	105.44	-35.33	101.82	103.97	-33.86	118.00	126.76	-56.65
16 and 17	70.11	89.53	-19.42	61.24	62.53	7.58	70.02	75.22	-5.11
12 to 15	70.11	55.46	14.65	40.56	41.42	28.69	70.02	75.22	-5.11
5 to 10(SWBIC)/5 to 11	52.58	40.28	12.30	40.56	41.42	11.16	52.25	56.13	-3.55
Under 5	35.06	29.33	5.73	40.56	41.42	-6.36	52.25	56.13	-21.07

(1) Source: 2016 Billet VII Volume II - page 1942

(2) Source: 2013 Billet XX - page 1913 SSD report Modernisation of Supplementary benefit scheme - benchmarked to median household income (short term rates applicable for 12 months)

(3) Reflated to June 2014 as this is the inflation rate used to calculate the 2015 rates

(4) Source: 2012 Billet V Volume I - page 1026 - based on the minimum income standards report for Guernsey (short term rates applicable for 12 months)

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Proposed by: Deputy A M Wilkie
Seconded by: Deputy C J Green

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To insert at the end of the words in Proposition 1b. ", except that the single non-householder long-term requirement rate shall be £128.63 (instead of £105.16)".

Explanatory Note and Rule 15(2) information

The effect of this amendment is that the long-term 'single non-householder' requirement rate would be calculated by reference to the long-term 'single householder' requirement rate.

The rate of £128.63 proposed by this amendment has been calculated by deducting the relevant 'housing' and 'household goods and services' costs in Appendix 1 from the long-term single householder rate of £170.69.

The long-term non-householder rate proposed in Billet VII has been calculated by adding a £5 transport allowance to the long-term rate for a young person aged 11-18.

The financial implications for the States of carrying this amendment into effect are none.