

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Proposition No. P.2020/191**

**Committee for Employment & Social Security**

**Non-Contributory Benefit Rates for 2021**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy J. F. Dyke  
Seconded by: Deputy D. de G. De Lisle

"For Proposition 2, substitute:-

"2. To agree that the benefit limitation for a person living in the community shall continue to be £850 per week.

OR, only in the event that Proposition 2 is not approved:-

2A. To set the benefit limitation for a person living in the community at £870 per week, from 5th February 2021 (being the current cap x RPIX).""

**Rule 4(3) Information**

The current proposal for an increase to £890 per week will cost the General Revenue an additional £100,140; £870 per week will cost an additional £53,743: no increase will save these sums. These figures are from the Committee *for* Employment and Social Security in their Proposition

**Explanatory Note**

The Benefit Limitation was £750 in 2019. It was increased by 13.3% to £850 for 2021. £850 per week is the equivalent of £44,200 pa. The median annual earnings as at March 2020 were £34,409 pa. Given the financial position of the States, it seems difficult to justify another increase.