

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

19th October, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/81

Committee for Home Affairs

Population and Immigration Policy Review

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy A H Brouard
Seconded by: Deputy P T R Ferbrache

To suspend the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the Proposition set out below to be considered.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A H Brouard
Seconded by: Deputy P T R Ferbrache

1. At the end of Proposition, 7 insert

“ and in conjunction with the Committee *for* Health & Social Care, to examine through suitable external advice whether there is scope for reducing the costs to the tax payer of any increased population’s access to health and social care services via a commercially provided compulsory health insurance scheme, and to report back to the States of Deliberation thereon not later than the second half of 2023.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The Proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by exploring options to contribute to the financial sustainability of health and care service provision other than through the tax system.
- b) In preparing the Proposition, both the Proposer and Seconder are working within the Mandate of the Committee they lead with no wider stakeholder engagement at this time.

- c) The Proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect are not expected to exceed £50k which would be met by the Budget Reserve.

Explanatory note

The original Proposition was worded broadly, presumably so as not to be constrained. However, the continued rising costs in the provision of health and care services does warrant specific investigation and in particular the merits of a form of health insurance drawing on the local talent in insurance and reinsurance markets and/or self-insurance through a suitable captive entity.

The Amendment does not seek to prescribe a solution but rather to ensure that there is a significant focus on health and social care costs that may otherwise be met by taxpayers.