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BILLET D'ÉTAT

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 2011

COMMERCE AND
EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT –
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – ROYAL WEDDING

B I L L E T D ' É T A T

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

I have the honour to inform you that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE**, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **26th JANUARY, 2011**, immediately after the meeting of the States of Deliberation already convened for that day, to consider the item contained in this Billet d'État which has been submitted for debate.

G. R. ROWLAND
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey
17 December 2010

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

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The Chief Minister
Policy Council
Sir Charles Frossard House
La Charroterie
St Peter Port

29th November 2010

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

The Department recommends that 29 April 2011 shall be a public holiday.

2. Royal Wedding

States Members will be aware of the announcement that the wedding of Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton will take place on 29 April 2011 and that this will be celebrated by a public holiday in the United Kingdom.

The Department recommends that the Royal Wedding should also be celebrated in Guernsey by a public holiday. This means that there would be an additional public holiday in 2011.

3. Rules of Procedure – Proposals that alter taxation or increase expenditure

The Department recognises that approval of a public holiday on 29 April 2011 will increase the expenditure of the States in terms of staff costs. In accordance with section 15 (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation, the Department is providing the following information on that increase:

- (i) the estimated increase will be up to £200,000;
- (ii) to the extent to which those costs cannot be absorbed by Departments, the balance will be met from States reserves;
- (iii) there will be no effect on the States Fiscal and Economic Policy Plan.

4. Consultation.

The Law Officers Chambers have been consulted on the contents of this Report.

5. Recommendations

The Department recommends the States to:

- (a) approve the proposal that 29 April 2011 shall be a public holiday;
- (b) direct the Treasury and Resources Department to meet the associated costs from States reserves should this prove necessary; and
- (c) direct the preparation of legislation necessary to give effect to the proposal.

Yours faithfully

C S McNulty Bauer
Minister

(NB The Policy Council supports the proposals.)

(NB The Treasury and Resources Department will consider a transfer from the Budget Reserve to meet the additional costs of up to £200,000, should it become clear at the end of 2011 that it has not been possible for Departments, collectively, to absorb them. The purpose of the Budget Reserve is to, inter-alia, meet the costs of any unanticipated and/or emergency expenditure. The Treasury and Resources Department believes that this is the most appropriate method to deal with this matter.)

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of a Report dated 29th November, 2010, of the Commerce and Employment Department, they are of the opinion:-

1. To approve the proposal that 29 April 2011 shall be a public holiday.
2. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department to meet the associated costs from States reserves should this prove necessary.
3. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.

**IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY
ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2011**

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No II
dated 17th December 2010**

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

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After consideration of a Report dated 29th November, 2010, of the Commerce and Employment Department:-

1. To approve the proposal that 29 April 2011 shall be a public holiday.
2. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department to meet the associated costs from States reserves should this prove necessary.
3. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.

**D J ROBILLIARD
HER MAJESTY'S DEPUTY GREFFIER**