

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 31st OCTOBER, 2007

**The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XXII
dated 12th October 2007**

HOUSE COMMITTEE

REDUCTION OF VOTING AGE

I.- After consideration of the Report dated 3rd September, 2007, of the House Committee:-

1. By a majority of 30 votes to 15, that the minimum age for voting be reduced from 18 years to 16 years.
2. Unanimously to approve the Projet de Loi entitled "The Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2007" and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty in Council, praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

THE TAXATION OF REAL PROPERTY (GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY) ORDINANCE 2007

II.- To approve the draft Ordinance entitled "The Taxation of Real Property (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2007" and to direct that the same shall have effect as an Ordinance of the States.

THE TRAFFIC OFFENCES (FIXED PENALTIES) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2007

III.- To approve the draft Ordinance entitled "The Traffic Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007" and to direct that the same shall have effect as an Ordinance of the States.

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 1st NOVEMBER, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 31st October 2007)

**The States further resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XXII
dated 12th October 2007**

POLICY COUNCIL

THE RÔLE OF THE DOUZAINES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATES

IV.- After consideration of the Report dated 24th September, 2007, of the Policy Council:-

1. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION that legislation be enacted to provide that the Guernsey Douzaine Council be constituted by law on the lines set out in appendix 1 to that Report, save that paragraphs 6 and 7 in the section of Appendix 1 headed 'Constitution' shall be deleted and the following substituted therefore:
 - "6. If the Chairman is elected from within the Council, the Douzaine whom he represents shall be entitled to elect another representative in his place.
 7. The Council shall elect a member thereof as Vice-Chairman, to act when the Chairman is absent, indisposed or otherwise unable to attend a meeting.
 8. When the Vice Chairman acts as Chairman, the Douzaine whom he represents shall be entitled, where practicable, to elect another representative in his place."
2. By a majority of more than two thirds of the Members present and voting, that the Loi relative à la Réforme des États de Délibération of 1899 and the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended be further amended to provide that the term of office of Douzeniers be reduced from six years to four years.
3. That legislation be enacted to provide that Douzeniers, Constables and Parish Procureurs may resign without recourse to the Royal Court.
4. That, in principle the functions set out in paragraph 18 of that Report be transferred to the Douzaines and to authorise the Policy Council and appropriate Departments of the States to enter into discussions (relating to finance, administration and generally) with the Guernsey Douzaine Council and other interested parties to that end and to note that further reports will be presented to the States following such discussions.

5. To note the Policy Council's intention to create a Working Party as set out in paragraphs 23 and 24 of that Report and that its mandate will include a review of the continued need or otherwise of bornements.
6. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.

TREASURY & RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

THE INCOME TAX (GUERNSEY) (EMPLOYEES TAX INSTALMENT) REGULATIONS, 2007

V.- After consideration of the Report dated 11th September, 2007, of the Treasury and Resources Department:-

In pursuance of the provisions of subsection (5) of section 81A of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975, as amended, to approve the Regulations entitled "The Income Tax (Guernsey) (Employees Tax Instalment Scheme) Regulations, 2007" made by the Treasury and Resources Department on 11th September, 2007.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ALDERNEY AIRPORT - DUES AND CHARGES 2008

VI.- After consideration of the Report dated 17th August, 2007, of the Public Services Department:-

To approve the adjustment in fees and charges for the use of Alderney Airport with effect from 1st January 2008, as outlined in Appendix 1 to that Report.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

GUERNSEY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES CHARITABLE TRUST

VII.- After consideration of the Report dated 24th August, 2007, of the Health and Social Services Department:-

1. To approve the formation of the Guernsey Health and Social Services Charitable Trust.
2. To approve the dissolution of the Guernsey Health Services Charitable Trust and of the Children Board amenity funds.
3. That the trustees of the Guernsey Health Services Charitable Trust be discharged of their responsibilities for this trust and that they be appointed as trustees of the Guernsey Health and Social Services Charitable Trust.

4. To transfer the Children Board amenity funds and the funds of the Guernsey Health Services Charitable Trust to the Guernsey Health and Social Services Charitable Trust.
5. That the trustees of the Children Board amenity funds be discharged of their responsibilities for the funds.
6. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES OFFICER AND DEPUTY

VIII.- After consideration of the Report dated 27th August, 2007, of the Commerce and Employment Department:-

1. To appoint Mr Michael Allen Fooks as Industrial Disputes Officer for a period of five years with effect from 1st January 2008 and ending 31st December 2012.
2. To approve the appointment of Mrs Michele Tiffin as Deputy Industrial Disputes Officer for the same period.

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF MINIMUM WAGE LEGISLATION IN GUERNSEY

IX.- After consideration of the Report dated 28th August, 2007, of the Commerce and Employment Department:-

1. To approve the proposals for minimum wage legislation as set out in that Report.
2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decision.

HOME DEPARTMENT

REVIEW OF GAMBLING LEGISLATION

X.- After consideration of the Report dated 29th August, 2007, of the Home Department:-

1. To approve the Department's proposals as set out in that Report.

2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decision.

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

REVISION OF COMPANIES LAW – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

XII.- After consideration of the Report dated 6th September, 2007, of the Commerce and Employment Department:-

1. To approve the further proposals for the revision of Companies Law as set out in section 3 of that Report.
2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decision.

COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

COMPANY REGISTRY

XIII.- After consideration of the Report dated 12th September, 2007, of the Commerce and Employment Department:-

1. To approve the establishment of a Company Registry as set out in that Report.
2. That with effect from 1st January 2008 the Document Duty on the filing of an Annual Return of a limited liability company registered in Guernsey shall be £250.
3. To approve the fitting out of the Company Registry office at a total cost not to exceed £350,000 and to authorise the Treasury and Resources Department to loan the Commerce and Employment Department (Company Registry) such sum, repayable over 10 years with interest charged at the States Treasury rate.
4. To approve the provision of an Information Technology system as set out in this Report at a total cost not to exceed £600,000 and to authorise the Treasury and Resources Department to loan the Commerce and Employment Department (Company Registry) such sum, repayable over 5 years with interest charged at the States Treasury rate.
5. 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 2nd NOVEMBER, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 1st November 2007)

**The States further resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XXII
dated 12th October 2007**

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

GRANTS AND LOANS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING COURSES OF HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION OFF-ISLAND

XI.- After consideration of the Report dated 30th August, 2007, of the Education Department:-

1. TO NEGATIVE THE PROPOSITION to approve the additional funds for the Education Department's total Revenue budget, to permit the ring-fenced Higher Education Budget to be increased annually in line with demand.
2. (1) To approve the introduction of the necessary enabling legislation to permit the implementation of student loans at some point in the future by amending the Education (Guernsey) Law, 1970.
(2) To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decision.
3. (1) To approve the principle of a new scheme of student contributions to tuition fees.
(2) To approve the establishment of a student loans scheme, as set out in that Report, but subject to paragraph 10, with the expectation that the maximum loan value will not increase in real terms for a minimum of five years.
(3) To note the Education Department's view that up to an additional £0.5 million per annum may be required in the future.
(4) To direct the Treasury and Resources Department to take account of the costs of the new scheme for funding Guernsey and Alderney students attending courses of further and higher education outside the Bailiwick when recommending to the States, Cash Limits for the Education Department – Higher and Advanced Education for 2009 and subsequent years, subject to a maximum Cash Limit of £7 million at 2006 values, maintained in real terms.
(5) To approve the formation of a Guernsey Student Loans Company (GSLC) as a special purpose company to administer student loans as explained in that Report.

- (6) That the Directors of the Company shall be recommended by the Board of the Education Department, shall include representatives of the Treasury and Resources Department, and that the Directors of the GSLC are approved by the Treasury and Resources Department.
 - (7) That the Education Department introduce regulations by Statutory Instrument for a student loans scheme in accordance with that Report.
 - (8) That student loan interest shall be subject to tax relief in Guernsey and this shall continue beyond the 2008 tax changes.
 - (9) That the Education Department be directed to report back to the States on the operation of the student loans scheme not later than five years after implementation in 2009 of the loans system.
 - (10) That the requirement for student funding (Student loans) shall be for a maximum of 4 years' study in any event.
4. With reference to paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 of the Report, to direct the Policy Council to report to the States by no later than July 2008, with proposals, including (if necessary or expedient) proposals to amend the Matrimonial Causes legislation and/or Education legislation, to ensure that separated or divorced parents should contribute towards the costs of their biological children's further and higher education.

PUBLIC SECTOR REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF PUBLIC SECTOR PENSION SCHEMES

XIV.- After consideration of the Report dated 30th August, 2007, of the Public Sector Remuneration Committee:-

To endorse the agreement reached with all the representative organisations on revised arrangements, appropriate for current circumstances, as set out in that Report.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

REVIEW INTO GUERNSEY WATER

XV.- At the instance of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATION of this Article until the November meeting of the States.

K H TOUGH
HER MAJESTY'S GREFFIER

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 29th NOVEMBER, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 2nd November 2007)

**The States further resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XXII
dated 12th October 2007**

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

REVIEW INTO GUERNSEY WATER

XV.- After consideration of the Report dated 4th September, 2007, of the Public Accounts Committee:-

1. To note the Report.
2. To direct the Public Accounts Committee to monitor and review the action taken by the Public Services Department in considering and implementing the recommendations as outlined in Section Six, Figure 4, of that Report.

**K H TOUGH
HER MAJESTY'S GREFFIER**