

Council of Ministers

(42nd Meeting)

13th October 2023(Business conducted via electronic mail)**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister, Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development, Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources, Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations, Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security and Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education
Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and Communities

Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment

Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure

In attendance -

K.L. Slack, Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only

Increase in revenue expenditure for agriculture and fisheries (P.74/2023) – Comments.

A1. The Council of Ministers, with reference to Minute No. A4 of its meeting of 10th October 2023, recalled that the Proposition of Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, entitled ‘Increase in revenue expenditure for agriculture and fisheries’ (P.74/2023 referred), sought an increase of one per cent of all revenue expenditure to be spent on the traditional industries of agriculture and fisheries.

The Council recalled that it acknowledged that agriculture and fisheries played a fundamental role in Jersey’s economy and landscape but did not support the allocation of a particular percentage to these areas as it would impinge the ability of future Governments and the States Assembly to determine the allocation of public funds by means of the Government Plan process. The Proposition would also augment the expenditure from the Consolidated fund by £9.14 million in 2024.

The Council accordingly received and noted draft Comments in which its views were set out, approved the same and requested the Secretariat Officer, States Greffe, to arrange for its Comments to be presented to the States Assembly.