

Council of Ministers

(46th Meeting)

28th November 2023**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development, Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education and Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (for item A2 only)

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

Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources (for item A2 only)

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations (for item A2 only)

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 (for item A1 only)

Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment (for item A1 only)

Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security

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

Proposed  
Government  
Plan 2024 –  
2027  
(P.72/2023):  
Thirty-second  
Amendment.  
Carbon tax or  
charge on  
private aircraft.

A1. The Council of Ministers, with reference to Minute No. B5 of its meeting of 26th September 2023, received and noted a draft Amendment to the Government Plan 2024 – 2027, which proposed the inclusion of additional wording relating to private aircraft in the on the Carbon Neutral Roadmap Long-Term Financing Strategy ('LTFS').

The Council recalled that Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment, had proposed that the Government Plan should be amended to enable a charge to be levied in respect of private jets and that Ministers had signalled their support for this proposition.

It was further recalled that the LTFS would need to identify approximately £300 million to finance the Island's move towards net zero emissions, through a range of mechanisms. Exploratory work would be undertaken during 2024 on revenue raising 'polluter -pays' measures and this would include the introduction of an appropriate carbon tax or charge relating to private aircraft. The latter would balance the environmental impact of private aircraft travel, noting that they were between 5 and

14 times more polluting than commercial planes, with the important role played by private aviation in the Island's connectivity.

The Council accordingly approved the draft Amendment and requested the Secretariat Officer, States Greffe, to arrange for it to be lodged '*au Greffe*' for debate by the States Assembly at the meeting that was scheduled to commence on 12th December 2023.

Proposed  
Government  
Plan 2024-  
2027  
(P.72/2023):  
Thirty third  
Amendment.  
Expenditure  
for agriculture  
and fisheries.

A2. The Council of Ministers, with reference to Minute No. B3 of its meeting of 31st October 2023, received and noted a draft Amendment, in order for additional financial support of up to £10 million to be provided to the Agricultural Loans Funds ('ALF'),

The Council recalled that, on 7th November 2023, the States Assembly had adopted the Proposition, as amended, of Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin entitled 'Increase in revenue expenditure for agriculture and fisheries' (P.74/2023 referred). As a consequence of this approval an Amendment was required to the Government Plan 2024-2027 to transfer £10 million from the Consolidated Fund to the ALF and to increase the head of expenditure for the Department for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture by £3 million.

It was noted that the latter figure would comprise £1 million in value for money ('VFM') savings from the Department for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, £1 million in VFM savings from the Cabinet Office and a reduction of £1 million from other departmental heads of expenditure, to be achieved through VFM savings, including £415,000 from the Health and Community Services Department and £286,000 from the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department.

The Council approved the draft Amendment and requested the Secretariat Officer, States Greffe, to arrange for it to be lodged '*au Greffe*' for debate by the States Assembly at the meeting that was scheduled to commence on 12th December 2023.