

Council of Ministers

(70th Meeting)

10th February 2026Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister  
 Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families  
 Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment  
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (for part of items A3 and B3 and items B4-B7 only)  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs (for items A1-A3, B1-B4 and part of item B5 only)  
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (in lieu of the Minister)

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables  
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement, Chair of the Legislation Advisory Panel (for item B1 only)  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (for items A1-A3, B1-B4 and part of item B5 only)  
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services  
 W. Millow, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey (for item B2 only)  
 Advocate V. Bell, Senior Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department  
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States  
 P. Wylie, Chief Officer, Cabinet Office (for item B6 only)  
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)  
 K. Whitehead, Group Director for Regulation, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B2 only)

R. Johnson, Director for Health Policy, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B3 only)  
D. Drieu, Head of Organisation Development and People Operations, People Services (for item B5 only)  
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office  
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister  
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe  
L. Plumley, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe (for items A1-A3 and B1-B5 only)

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Parts A and B.

- Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 6th, 13th and 27th January (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Declarations of interest. A2. A declaration of interest was received from Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, in connexion with item No. A3 of the current meeting, to the extent that she had lodged an Amendment to the draft Assisted Dying (Jersey) Law 202- (P.65/2025 referred).
- Forthcoming business. A3. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were due to be considered by the States Assembly on 24th February 2026 –

Capping the number of high-net-worth individuals granted Entitled status via Regulation 2(1)(e) (P.19/2026)

The Council was reminded that this proposition of Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade requested that the number of high-net-worth individuals granted Entitled status should be capped at 15 per year, based on a rolling 5-year basis. It was noted that an aspirational target of 15 had been initially set in 1974 and reaffirmed in 2005. Whilst the average number of approvals over the previous 10 years had been 18, this had, in fact, reduced to a net average of approximately 8, when taking into account departures and deaths. It was noted that this represented a modest growth and was indicative that the policy was being managed responsibly. Accordingly, the Council decided that it could not support P.19/2026;

Draft Assisted Dying (Jersey) Law 202- (P.65/2025)

The Council was apprised of the details of a number of amendments to P.65/2025, which had been lodged 'au Greffe'. These included one from the Minister for Health and Social Services, which made some small clarifying, and non-policy altering, changes following feedback received from third parties and one from Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, which sought the removal of the 'waiver of requirement for future capacity'. It was noted that the Minister had presented comments on this latter amendment, indicating that he did not support the same.

The Council was informed that the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel had lodged 7 amendments to P.65/2025, which had been discussed with the Minister for Health and Social Services. He intended to accept 5 of the Panel's amendments but was unable to support the remaining 2, the details of which – and rationale for them not being accepted – were provided to the Council. It was noted that a briefing for States Members was being organised in respect of the amendments to the draft Law; and

Draft Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law 202- (P.112/2025)

The Council was informed by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, that he would be lodging an amendment to his proposition, the principles of which had been adopted on 20th

January 2026. The amendment related to the most contentious element of P.112/2025 and would replace reference within the draft Law to the Alcohol and Gambling Commission with the Regulatory Directorate of the Infrastructure and Environment Department.

It was emphasised that the role of the Parishes in alcohol licensing, which was undertaken at no cost to licensees, would not be adversely impacted and would, in fact, be enhanced. Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables, indicated that the Connétables agreed that it was important that the number of licence categories should be reduced, thereby obviating the need for premises to hold multiple licences. However, he informed the Council that the Comité's *prima facie* preference was for the model proposed by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement in his amendment to P.112/2025, which sought to restore the functions of the Licensing Assembly within the draft Law.