

Council of Ministers

(69th Meeting)

27th January 2026**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (not present for part of item B5)

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 (for part of items A2 and B1 and items B2-B5 only)

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 A2 and B1 and items B2-B5 only)

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs (for part of items A2 and B1 and items B2-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 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 T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services

M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General

L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States

R. Bell, Treasurer of the States

S. Duhamel, Associate Director for Public Policy, Cabinet Office (for part of items A2 and B1 only)

C. May, Interim Head of Data Protection and Governance Services (for item B5 only)

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

A. Thorne, Business and Governance Officer, Cabinet Office

T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister

K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

- Declarations of interest. A1. No declarations of interest were received from attendees in connexion with any of the items discussed at the current meeting.
- Forthcoming business. A2. The Council considered the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be considered by the States Assembly at its meetings of 3rd and 24th February 2026 –

3rd February 2026

Draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Dissolution and Separation) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.85/2025)

It was noted that this Proposition which, *inter alia*, introduced no fault dissolutions of marriages and civil partnerships, was likely to be deferred to the meeting of the States Assembly of 24th February 2026, in order to facilitate the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (which was supportive of P.85/2025) undertaking some additional hearings;

Management And Maintenance of the Havre des Pas Site (P.94/2025)

The Council noted that it was possible that this Proposition of Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, would be withdrawn, but confirmation was awaited;

Amendments to Standing Orders – Code of Conduct (P.102/2025)

The Council was informed that the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC), which had lodged this Proposition, had held a briefing for States Members on 26th January 2026, which had been well attended. Varying views had been expressed on whether Rule 13, which related to the membership of certain organisations, should remain as currently drafted or should be shortened;

Consultation on Fireworks and other Pyrotechnics (P.111/2025)

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, indicated that she intended to support this Proposition of Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North. She stated that she was aware that the Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey 2025 had contained a specific question on fireworks and the rules surrounding their use;

Extension to Jersey of the PCT, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol and Nice Agreement (P.117/2025)

The Council was informed that although the draft Treaties (Jersey) Law 202- (P.122/2025 referred) had not yet been debated by the States Assembly, P.117/2025 followed the spirit of that Proposition to the extent that – for the first time ever - the wording of the international treaties referenced in P.117/2025, which would be extended to Jersey, were being referred to the States Assembly; and

Draft Elections (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.119/2025)

The Council was reminded that this Proposition of PPC, which took into account the reinstated position of Senator, would engage Standing Order 89A on the basis that it would require to be decided by a majority of the elected members of which the States Assembly was constituted, *viz* 25 members.

24th February 2026

On the basis that the agenda for the meeting of the States Assembly on 24th February 2026 was already particularly lengthy, it was proposed that the following Propositions, which had been lodged '*au Greffe*' by the Minister for Social Security,

and which were currently scheduled to be debated on that date, should be brought forward to the meeting on 3rd February 2026 –

Draft Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.1/2026);

Draft Social Security (Health and Christmas Bonus) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.2/2026); and

Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.4/2026)

It was acknowledged that the permission of the States Assembly would be required to enable the aforementioned Propositions to be debated on 3rd February 2026 and it was agreed that electronic mail correspondence should be sent to Members of the States Assembly to explain the rationale for wishing to change their debate date.

Ministers were apprised of the content of those Propositions and noted the position accordingly.