

Council of Ministers

(4th Meeting)

(Meeting conducted via electronic mail)

28th July 2022

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 K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Home Affairs and Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

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
Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources

Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and Communities

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

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 -

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only

Mini-budget –
lodging.

A1. The Council of Ministers, with reference to Minute No. B1 of its meeting of 26th July 2022, recalled that it had agreed a package of measures to help Islanders with the current cost of living increases.

Ministers accordingly received and noted a draft Report and Proposition to lodge the mini-budget ‘*au Greffe*’, which asked the States to decide whether they were of the opinion that the following actions should be taken –

- that there should be an increase of the personal income tax thresholds and allowances by 12 per cent above the 2022 thresholds and allowances, to take effect for the year of assessment 2023;
- that there should be a temporary 2 percentage point reduction of Class 1 and 2 social security contributions for the period from 1st October to 31st December 2022, comprising a reduction, in respect of earnings below the standard earnings limit from 6 per cent to 4 per cent for the Class 1 employee contribution rate and

from 12½ per cent to 10½ per cent for the Class 2 contribution rate;

- that the value of the Community Costs Bonus for 2022 should be doubled, by increasing the value of the bonus, from £258.25 to £516.50;
- that the Cold Weather Bonus and Cold Weather Payments, regardless of temperature, should be fixed at £70 per month from October 2022 to March 2023 inclusive; and
- that the requirement for offshore retailers to register under the Goods and Services Tax (Jersey) Law 2007 should be postponed from 1st January 2023 to 1st July 2023.

Ministers accordingly approved the draft Report and Proposition and instructed the Clerk to the Council of Ministers to arrange for it to be lodged '*au Greffe*' for debate by the States Assembly.