

Supervisory Committee



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Dear Susie

Rates Working Group Report

The Supervisory Committee has received the report of the Rates Working Group (RWG) and the Minority Report prepared by Mr E Trevor, Chairman of the St Helier Assessment Committee. These have also been sent to you and now, in accordance with its Terms of Reference, the RWG is seeking political direction from both you and the Committee regarding the recommendations. Our views are below but we are also of the opinion that the RWG report should be published.

We noted that the three independent members of the RWG agreed the findings in the RWG report but were unable to reach a unanimous recommendation about the revaluation of property in Jersey for rates purposes. A majority of two members recommended that there should not be a revaluation of property in Jersey for rates purposes. The dissenting independent member of the RWG (Mr E Trevor) did not agree with this recommendation on the basis that maintaining the FRV of property led to an unfair distribution of the cost of property rates.

Having given careful consideration to the reports, and mindful of the background and history to the valuation of land in Jersey for rates purpose, the nine Connétables present at the Committee meeting were unanimous in accepting the recommendation of the RWG that there should not be a revaluation of property in Jersey for rates purposes. In reaching this decision we took into account that the available data indicated that the monetary adjustment for the vast majority of ratepayers of a revaluation would be small and the potential cost of undertaking the revaluation would be high.

We look forward to hearing your views on the RWG report and, if it would assist, I would be pleased to discuss this with you.

Yours sincerely

Minister for Treasury
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