

FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

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The Committee commenced consideration of the Budget for 1987 and, in this connexion, considered a Treasury Paper, dated 22nd August, 1986, containing details of all Committees Estimates of Revenue and Income and of Capital requirements.

The Committee requested the President in his speech on the 1987 Budget to explain the philosophy of the various Reserves (General, Accumulated, Strategic and the Capital Fund) and to counter the argument that funds being placed in the Reserves delayed capital

projects and incurred increased costs.

The Committee requested the Treasurer of the States to prepare for a subsequent meeting a schedule of investments of the various Reserves for its information.

The Committee received Mr. R.J. Gaiger, Comptroller of Income Tax, and considered his Paper, dated 21st August, 1986, on Increased Income Tax Allowances. The Committee approved the Comptroller's recommendation and accepted Option E at an estimated cost in 1987 of £4 million and which would result in taking 800 individuals out of liability to income tax.

The Comptroller was requested to take the appropriate action for these amendments to be included in the draft 1987 Finance Law.

Senator Sandeman raised the position of the single parent family and the Committee requested her, if she were not completely satisfied with the proposals, to refer the matter back for further consideration.