

## **STATES OF DELIBERATION**

**9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009**

### **Billet d'État No. XXXII Article No. I**

#### **AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy T J Stephens  
Seconded by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

#### **Treasury and Resources Department – Budget 2010**

To insert between propositions 5 and 6 the following additional Propositions:

- "5A. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department to continue to treat the Out of Island Treatment heading within the Cash Limit of the Health and Social Services Department - General as 'ring-fenced' for the year 2010.
- 5B. To direct the Health and Social Services Department, after consultation with the Education Department, to report to the States no later than July 2010 with proposals for upgrading and diversifying 'on-island' services in such a way that fewer people will need 'off-island' treatment and less expenditure on Out of Island Treatment will be incurred."

#### **Explanatory note**

The purposes of this amendment are to postpone for a further year the Treasury and Resources Department's plan to remove the 'ring-fencing' of the portion of the Health and Social Services Department's Cash Limit allocated to Out of Island Treatment and to require a report to be submitted to the States for consideration midway through 2010 to enable an evidence-based decision to be taken thereafter on that issue.

The Report explains at paragraph 5.23 that the Treasury and Resources Department acknowledges that the Health and Social Services Department needs time to implement efficiency measures, yet goes on to indicate in paragraph 5.24 that it intends to remove the current arrangement of 'ring-fencing' now, resulting in any overspend on Out of Island Treatment having to be met by re-allocating funding available for providing 'on-island' services. This approach appears to be premature. During the present transitional phase, it is more appropriate to maintain the current arrangement of 'ring-fencing' that portion of the Cash Limit, whilst also directing the preparation of a report on how to effect improvements and introduce other initiatives in respect of 'on-island' services as part of the overall programme of implementing efficiency measures, thereby enabling the States to be better informed before accepting that the delegated authority of the Treasury and Resources Department to increase the budget for Out of Island Treatment expenditure, as and when that is necessary, can properly be ended.