

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2003

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'Etat No. V
dated 28th March, 2003

GUERNSEY SOCIAL SECURITY AUTHORITY

**REVISION OF SOCIAL INSURANCE SCHEME
FOR GENDER EQUALITY**

- I. After consideration of the Report dated the 7th March, 2003, of the Guernsey Social Security Authority:-
1. That the married woman's and widow's option to pay a reduced rate of social insurance contribution, if employed, or to pay no social insurance contribution if self-employed or non-employed shall be discontinued, and that all women shall be assessed to pay at the full percentage rates from 1 January 2004.
 2. That the married woman's pension, based on her husband's contribution record, shall effectively cease to be awarded from 1 January 2004, being replaced by a pension awarded in respect of her own contribution record, enhanced, if to her advantage, by the substitution of 62% of her husband's contribution average, calculated as at 31 December 2003.
 3. That a Class 3 contribution credit shall not be awarded to widows in respect of any week after 1 January 2004.
 4. That, from 1 January 2004, a Class 3 contribution credit shall be awarded to non-employed persons who are in receipt of family allowance in respect of a child under the age of 16 and are not otherwise liable, through employment, self-employment or having sufficient un-earned income, to pay a social insurance contribution.
 5. That women who are widows or divorcees at 1 January 2004, not having remarried at that date, shall be entitled, at age 65, to have their entitlement to a pension calculated in accordance with the regulations in force at 31 December 2003.
 6. That no increase of benefit for a child shall be payable with widowed parent's allowance, the standard rate having been increased by an appropriate amount to compensate.
 7. That no increase of an old age pension shall be payable in respect of a child.
 8. That no increase of invalidity, sickness, industrial injury or unemployment benefit shall be payable in respect of a child dependant.