

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED BUDGET (GOVERNMENT PLAN) 2026-2029 (P.70/2025): TWENTY- NINTH AMENDMENT

LE SQUEZ

Lodged au Greffe on 24th November 2025
by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement
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1 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (b)(viii) –

After the words “Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report”, insert the words –

“, except that in Summary Table 5(ii), the 2026 Estimate for the line Fort Regent Redevelopment should be reduced by £4,500,000, and the 2026 Estimate for the line Le Squez should be increased by £4,500,000”.

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (b)(xii) –

After the words “Appendix to the accompanying Report”, insert the words –

“, except that on page 56 in Table 20 – Estates the lines entitled Le Squez and Fort Regent Redevelopment should be substituted with the following –

Project Total	£'000	Spon Dept	Supp Dept	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate	2028 Estimate	2029 Estimate
7,500	Le Squez (M)	ELL	I&E	4,500	2,997	-	-
43,000	Fort Regent Redevelopment (M)	I&E	I&E	21,567	13,936	4,500	2,997

DEPUTY K.M. WILSON OF ST. CLEMENT

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) In accordance with Article 16 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (the Law) to approve an amendment to the Government Plan 2025 – 2028 (entitled “Budget 2025 – 2028”) to a reduction in the 2025 head of expenditure “Grants to States Funds” as included in Table 5(i) Revenue Heads of Expenditure of that Government Plan from £119,821,000 to £69,821,000.
- (b) To receive the Government Plan 2026 – 2029 (entitled “Budget 2026-2029”) specified in Article 9(1) of the Law and specifically –
 - i. to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2026 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law.

- ii. to refer to their Act dated 24th June 2003 in which they approved that no new ‘user pays’ charges be introduced without any such charge receiving prior in principle approval by the States Assembly and accordingly to approve the introduction of two new charges, to be levied by Health and Care Jersey to promote appropriate use of the Emergency Department and for repeated non-attendance of outpatient appointments, detailed in the section entitled “Departmental Income Sources” as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report.
- iii. to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2026, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts.
- iv. to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2026 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law.
- v. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Stabilisation Fund in 2026 of up to £50 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on the availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of the estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026.
- vi. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Agricultural Loans Fund in 2026 of up to £5 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026;
- vii. to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2026 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 4 to the Report.
- viii. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2026, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report, except that in Summary Table 5(ii), the 2026 Estimate for the line Fort Regent Redevelopment should be reduced by £4,500,000, and the 2026 Estimate for the line Le Squez should be increased by £4,500,000.

- ix. to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2026 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 to the Report.
- x. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation’s trading fund for 2026 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report.
- xi. to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2026 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report.
- xii. to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2026-2029, as set in the Appendix to the accompanying Report, except that on page 56 in Table 20 – Estates the lines entitled Le Squez and Fort Regent Redevelopment should be substituted with the following –

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REPORT

This amendment proposes both the reallocation of monies from within the capital investment fund and the projects approved budget to be brought forward to 2026 and 2027 rather than 2028 and 2029 for the redevelopment of Le Squez Youth Facility in St Clement. The Chief Minister made a personal commitment to bring the funding for the development of the youth centre a year earlier than was currently proposed in the [Government Plan 2025-2028](#).

Despite being in an earlier capital programme, Government have again failed to identify the funding to redevelop the youth club in 2026. This amendment seeks to address that by both reallocating funds from other areas of capital expenditure and bringing forward funds from later in the project lifecycle to ensure the project can start as soon as next year, and not 2028. Whilst it is only a small amount of the required total funding, this amendment will financially commit the government to starting the project.

The approach is consistent with previous Government practice of using reserves to support community infrastructure projects. This is now an urgent requirement in Le Squez having been pushed back for redevelopment over a period spanning 12 years. Officers have already been working up plans and feasibility studies to put the development proposal before ministers.

There is a growing community need for youth space and to advance the objectives contained within the [CSP](#) and the [Building a Safer Community \(BASC\) Framework](#). The current site does not have sufficient capacity to accommodate expanded youth work and struggles to manage competing demands.

Investing in the redevelopment of Le Squez will mean Government is showing a demonstrable commitment to improving facilities for young people in the area rather than making promises that have yet to be realised and that it is “upfront” in prevention and youth wellbeing

Delaying the scheme further risks escalating maintenance costs, service disruption, increased incidents of anti-social behaviour and missed opportunities for partnership and engagement with the wider local community.

Financial and staffing implications

This amendment will decrease the 2026 and 2027 estimate to be used on the Redevelopment of Fort Regent; however the Le Squez funding is already allocated to the project, and it is only aiming to bring that forward, reimbursing the Fort Regent development line in 2028 and 2029.

Children’s Rights Impact Assessment

I consider that this amendment has no direct or indirect impact on children and that the duty to have due regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child does not arise. Accordingly, a Children’s Rights Impact Assessment is not required under the Children (Conventions Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022