

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**of the****ISLAND OF GUERNSEY****4th November, 2025****Proposition No. P.2025/121****Policy & Resources Committee****THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2026****AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy A Sloan

Seconded by: Deputy L McKenna

1. "In proposition 20, immediately after "Appendix V" insert the following:

" , subject to the following amendment:

To delete the table on page 127 entitled Parliamentary Committees and replace with the following:

Scrutiny Management Committee

2024 Actual £'000s	2025 Original Budget £'000s	2025 Forecast £'000s	Expenditure by Category	2026 Budget £'000s
545	509	522	Pay Costs	545
			Non-Pay Costs	81
			Total	626

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contribute to the States' objectives and policy plans of good governance.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Policy & Resources Committee.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory note

The Scrutiny Management Committee believes it is essential that the resources allocated to the Committee are clearly and transparently identified. The omission of this information in the Budget Report means that the level of resources available to Scrutiny in 2026 is not visible either to Members of the States or to the public.

Such a lack of transparency is incompatible with modern standards of open government and falls short of the expectations rightly placed on a body tasked with ensuring accountability and good governance.

The Committee is also firmly of the view that the independence of Scrutiny must not only exist but be seen to exist. Pooling Scrutiny's budget with that of another Committee even with assurances of operational autonomy risks creating the perception that independence is being eroded.

To maintain public confidence and trust in the scrutiny process, it is vital that Scrutiny's resources are distinct, visible, and under the direct control of the Committee itself.