

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

PRIORITISATION OF LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING

The States are asked to decide:

Whether, after consideration of the policy letter entitled 'Prioritisation of Legislative Drafting' dated 19th May 2026, they are of the opinion:

1. To agree the schedule of prioritised legislative drafting as laid out in Appendix 1 of this Policy Letter entitled "Prioritisation of Legislative Drafting".

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Presiding Officer
States of Guernsey
Royal Court House
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19th May 2026

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

1.1 This Policy Letter proposes an order of priority for the drafting of significant items of legislation for the next year, where the policy proposals have been resolved by the States of Deliberation. This fulfils the Committee's mandate to bring forward such a report annually.

2 Introduction

2.1 The Committee oversees the work in the States' legislative programme and is required to bring forward a Policy Letter annually that tables for discussion and endorsement the order for the drafting of significant items of legislation for the coming 12-month period¹.

2.2 Essentially, this means that the Committee is required to examine and monitor the live list of drafting requirements resolved by this Assembly, and those agreed in previous terms that have not been completed, and ensure resources are focused on the priorities for the current States of Deliberation.

2.3 The States of Deliberation last considered their drafting priorities in September 2024 when prioritisation for the remainder of the last political term (until June 2025) was agreed².

2.4 The period between July 2025 to date has operated in line with the direction of

¹ [The Green Book](#)

² [States Meeting 25 September 2024 | Guernsey Parliament](#)

the former Assembly and been overseen by the Policy & Resources Committee as necessary, and informed by the requests from sponsoring Committees. The Policy & Resources Committee focused on this term's Government Work Plan (GWP) which has now enabled it to determine the order of legislative drafting for States' approved policies with the States' policy priorities in mind.

3 Schedule of prioritised legislative drafting for approved policy

- 3.1 The Committee's proposed schedule of priority for the drafting of significant items of legislation for the next 12 months is at Appendix 1. The schedule focuses on significant legislative drafting items where policy principles and drafting instructions have been resolved by the States of Deliberation. This list has been produced alongside the relevant Committees.
- 3.2 Items added more recently to the schedule are marked as 'not yet prioritised'. These items can be progressed through the Committee's established internal processes if they become more pressing, rather than progressing in date order as capacity permits. Experience demonstrates that shorter items often progress effectively through the system while more significant, and often more complex draft legislation, such as the majority of those assigned High or Medium priority, are with Committees for review and further instruction as part of the iterative drafting process. It is not therefore a precise science but does generally keep government's drafting programme progressing effectively. The same principle also applies to items considered to be of low priority which ensures a twin track of work progressing while fully utilising the legislative drafting resources of St James' Chambers.
- 3.3 It should therefore be noted that prioritisation is a guide to help the Committee focus resources and is not necessarily related to an order of completion as there are other factors at play which are more in the control of the sponsoring Committee than the Policy & Resources Committee or St James' Chambers. For example, if resources serving a Committee are progressing new work the capacity to support the progress of legislation as it is prepared is sometimes reduced.
- 3.4 The prioritisation process is guided by the Committee, supported by advisors and St James' Chambers. Committees can request changes in the prioritisation of the legislative items under their responsibility at any time which the Committee will take into consideration balanced by States' priorities and external factors, as appropriate. So while the schedule is presented to the Assembly once a year, the process is ongoing and responsive to changes in context.
- 3.5 So far this term, there have been six pieces of new legislation resolved by the

States of Deliberation, two of which have been discharged, at the time of writing.

- 3.6 Following the determination of the Government Work Plan 2026-2029, and to demonstrate one tool used by the Committee to assist in overseeing the legislative drafting prioritisation process, Appendix 1 reflects where new legislation already agreed aligns with a GWP Area of Focus.

4 Compliance with Rule 4

4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.

4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1):

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by assessing the status and progress of items of legislative drafting and considering whether the assigned priority is still appropriate against changing context and agreed priorities in the Government Work Plan.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with Committees and St James' Chambers.
- 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, other than the more effective use of drafting resources through the prioritisation process.

4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2):

- a) The propositions relate to the part of the Committee's mandate regarding the co-ordination of government policy planning and overseeing the policy planning cycle.
- b) The proposition has the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

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President

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APPENDIX 1 – PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATION PRIORITISED FOR DRAFTING AS AT 27th MARCH 2026

Year, Billet (Article No.)	Subject & Comments	Sponsoring Committee	Policy & Prioritisation Status	P&R Agreed Priority	Responsibility for Next Step	GWP Area of Focus
2003, XXV (Art. 11)	Genetically Modified Crops Legislation to regulate	Environment & Infrastructure	This is currently a low priority. The necessity and value of this legislation locally is currently minimal. The outcome of the UK / EU reset will determine how the UK will align with EU legislation, whether Guernsey will need to maintain legislative alignment and the scope of the alignment. The necessity for this legislation will need to be reviewed accordingly.	Low	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	Island Resilience
2005, IV (Art. 7)	Parole Legislation Ordinance to cover applications for parole, revocation and recall and the parole review committee.	Home Affairs	The revised draft Ordinance and draft Regulations were sent to Committee on 20 th November 2021 with comments and queries and request for further instructions; awaiting response.	High	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience
2006, VIII (Art. 9)	Plant Health (Guernsey) Ordinance Non-Brexit related Ordinances may be required	Environment & Infrastructure	The outcome of the UK / EU reset will determine how the UK will align with EU legislation, whether Guernsey will need to maintain legislative alignment and the scope of the alignment. Prevention of invasive species is crucial as highlighted in	Low	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	Island Resilience

			the Strategy for Nature. This legislation will need to be prioritised if a regime of controls for both animal and plant species under a framework of enhanced conservation legislation (wildlife law) is paused.			
2006, XVIII (Art. 13)	Terrorism New offences based on Terrorism Act 2006	Home Affairs	Reputationally the Committee considers this needs to be progressed as a high priority. A draft Ordinance amending the Terrorism and Crime (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 to make various urgent changes requested by the Police that reflect recent developments in the UK, primarily in relation to powers at the border, has been drafted (see supplementary Policy Letter in Billet XXIII/2020). The Ordinance was approved by the States in April 2021. Following discussions with law enforcement and the Committee, it was noted that these historical proposals did not go far enough. A lengthy report recommending much wider reform was submitted to the Committee towards the end of 2025. The report extends far beyond a comparison with the Terrorism Act 2006 and aims to consolidate all material gaps in our terrorism framework. Therefore, notwithstanding that drafting instructions are technically in place in respect of this	Medium	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience

			historical Resolution, a Policy Letter will need to be prepared to cover the full scope of the suggested reform, which will include the revocation or modification of this Resolution. Drafter is waiting feedback on the report and further instructions.			
2009, XXIV (Art. 12)	People working with children and vulnerable adults Vetting and barring scheme	Home Affairs	Provisions of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act have been extended to the Bailiwick (see the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Guernsey) Order 2025). A further Policy Letter is planned to inform the States of the changes made to the UK system and consider updates to Bailiwick legislation including the introduction of relevant offences equivalent to the UK Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups legislation. Local rehabilitation of offenders legislation will also be reviewed against the UK legislation as part of this work stream. The Committee plans to re-commence work on this Resolution as soon as resources allow. The Committee considers this to be a high priority for progression under the Justice Review.	Medium	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience
2010, VI (Art. 11)	Limited Partnerships Re-enactment of the Limited Partnerships	Economic Development	Guernsey Commercial Bar Association (GCBA) has confirmed preference to prioritise Cellular Limited Partnerships. This combined with legislative complexity	High	Committee for Economic Development	N/A

	(Guernsey) Law, 1995 with miscellaneous amendments – e.g., transfer functions to company registrar, migrations, conversions, protected cells		<p>has re-targeted amendment to LP Law to Q4 2026 at the earliest.</p> <p>The GCBA has provided a revised document setting out final form changes to legislation which Finance Sector Development is considering. GCBA has now also requested that amendments be made to the LP Law in respect of Cellular Limited Partnerships. This will be prioritised and effected in Q4 2025.</p> <p>The protected cells amendments are now thought to be urgent and as such a draft of the Limited Partnerships (Protected Cells) (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026 has been prepared and will be sent out to consultation shortly.</p>			
2011, XIII (Art. 9)	Sexual Offences Secondary legislation	Home Affairs	<p>An Ordinance commencing part of the Law was approved by the States on the 16.02.2022. The remaining parts will be commenced once the positions of trust to be caught by one of the not-commenced parts have been agreed. Further consideration will need to be given to the definition of care worker in due course.</p> <p>The Committee for Home Affairs has now received consultation responses from the Committees for Education, Sport & Culture and for Health & Social Care and officers have considered the comments on the proposed definitions. Further advice is</p>	High	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience

			awaited on behalf of the CfHSC after which the Committee will be requested to provide further direction on these definitions.			
2013, XV (Art. 10)	Terrorist financing, money laundering and weapons proliferation Legislation equivalent to the provisions of schedule 7 of the UK Counter Terrorism Act 2008	Home Affairs	Reputationally the Committee considers that this needs to be progressed as a high priority. See entry above under the heading 'Terrorism' (2006, Billet XVIII). The Counter Terrorism Act 2008 is incorporated into the full review.	Medium	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience
2014, IX (Art. 6)	On-Island Integrated Transport Strategy Extensive legislative proposals (e.g. presumed liability, speed limit review, motorcycle licensing requirements,	Environment & Infrastructure	The remaining extant Resolutions requiring the drafting of legislation have been held in abeyance by the Committee. This workstream is not a requirement of the Vienna Convention but is a result of the agreement to the On-Island Transport Strategy. Therefore, whilst there are road safety grounds to support the progression of this resolution, there are no legal/penalty implications for Guernsey if not progressed within this political term. Therefore, the previous Committee paused most of this workstream for re-consideration at a suitable point in the	Low	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A

	amendments to theory tests, etc.)		next political term. However, the requirement for motorcyclists to pass a theory test before undertaking a CBT course (some exemptions apply) was introduced by the Committee by policy on 1st May 2024.			
2014, IX (Art. 6)	On-Island Integrated Transport Strategy Resolution 10 - requirement to pass a theory test before driving on the road as a provisional driving licence holder	Environment & Infrastructure	As above. Draft amendments to the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1995 and a draft set of Regulations are substantially complete and have been agreed by officers working to the Committee. The legislation will be finalised once practical arrangements for implementation are agreed. The drafter awaits further instruction.	Medium	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A
2014, XX (Art. 13)	Channel Islands Lottery New Ordinance under Gambling (Guernsey) Law, 1971 to permit other forms of lottery and allocation of proceeds	Home Affairs	Clarification to be sought on next steps with the States' Trading Supervisory Board. Law officers awaiting instructions.	Low	Committee for Home Affairs	N/A

2014, XXVI (Art. 11)	Register of driving instructors Legislation to provide for a register of driving instructors and subsequent amendments to the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1995	Environment & Infrastructure	Amongst other obligations, the Vienna Convention on road traffic includes an obligation to introduce a register of driving instructors. The submission to the DfT detailed how compliance with the Vienna Convention would be achieved and this included the proposal for a register. The register would enable THS to maintain international recognition of the Guernsey driving licence. Committee has requested of officers that progress is made. As set out in the original/extant resolution from 2014, it would also protect the health and safety of those undertaking tuition, introduce fair contractual arrangements, and encourage instructors to be properly qualified. Much of the legislation has already been drafted. Policy work, consultation, and procedure documents need completing. Finalisation of the legislation is expected in the first half of 2026 and implementation in late 2026. As a preliminary step, the drafter has contributed to a new Code and Governing Policy which are essential components of the new scheme. Drafter is awaiting feedback and further instructions generally. The Law has been registered but regulations implementing and commencing the new regime are required.	High	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A
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2015, XIV (Art. 19)	Residential On-Street Parking Ordinance under the Road Traffic (Parking Fees and Charges) (Enabling Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 2009 to provide for parking permits.	Environment & Infrastructure	This is being paused pending a full review of parking policy. That work is not prioritised for this political term. Four pieces of legislation need to first be amended to allow implementation. Some of this legislation has already been drafted. However, further input required from officers before it can be completed. There is a need to finalise policy and then operational detail as this will guide the finer details of the legislation. However, this work will deliver a six figure income stream, which may be seen as a priority by P&R at some point in the near future.	Low	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A
2016, III (Art. 17)	Legislative Changes Relating to the Future Oversight of Guernsey Electricity Limited and Guernsey Post Limited	Economic Development	The Resolutions relating to this work were rescinded in February 2025 when the States considered the Policy Letter titled: Reporting Progress on Extant States' Resolutions [Appendix 3 row 4] because they were rendered obsolete due to Resolutions made in the Energy Policy 2020-2050 debate. The Resolution directing the preparation of legislation of this is therefore being proposed for rescission in the 2026 Policy Letter updating on extant States' Resolutions.	Low	Committee for Economic Development	Island Resilience
2016, VII (Art. 3)	Capacity Law Secondary legislation is	Health & Social Care	The Capacity (Commencement and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2025 came into force	High	Committee for Health & Social Care	N/A

	required in order to implement the different parts of the Law.		in May 2025. This Ordinance commenced sections of the Law relating to Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment and Advanced Care Plans. The timing to commence the remaining sections of the Law is being considered. Engagement with the Mental Health and Capacity Review Tribunal has begun in order to update and modify the current rules. Further modification of the legislation and forms relevant to Lasting Powers of Attorney will also be undertaken on the basis of experience gained since their introduction in 2022.			
2016, VII (Art. 5)	Adoption Repeal of the Adoption (Guernsey) Law, 1960 and all relevant legislation relating to adoption to be replaced by new legislation based on the provisions of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.	Health & Social Care	A supplementary Policy Letter has been drafted but it is unable to be progressed at this time until interdependent policy decisions linked to the Secondary Regulations have been made. Decisions on these matters are actively being sought. Drafters await further instructions.	Medium	Committee for Health & Social Care	Foundations for Our Future

2018, XXVII (Art. 18)	Road Transport and Driving Licence Implications for Driving in Europe Post-Brexit and other related matters Periodic Vehicle Inspections	Environment & Infrastructure	Remains of key importance to deliver. A number of items of legislation were approved in 2019. Further work is ongoing in relation to Periodic Vehicle Inspections. This work includes ongoing consultation within industry consultation. Detailed documents, guidance documents, and system changes are being progressed. St James' Chambers has advised that the original timeline proposed in the Policy Letter, which is prescribed within the enabling Ordinance, will need to be amended and this will require a policy letter to be submitted to the States. However, it is proposed that this process be undertaken when the Vehicle Inspection Regulations are presented to the States.	Medium	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A
2019, III (Art. 5)	Health & Care Regulation in the Bailiwick Bailiwick wide law to establish amongst other things, an Independent Commission to regulate Health and Care provision.	Health & Social Care	The Regulation of Care (Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2024 was registered on the records of the Island on 10 February 2025. The Law will be commenced by Ordinance when a commencement date is agreed by the Committee. Policy Letter to be submitted in 2027.	High	Committee for Health & Social Care	Sustainable Wellbeing

2019, V (Art. 4)	Insurance – statutory rate discount Legislation to enable the introduction of a statutory discount rate and other matters	Policy & Resources	The Committee directed a statutory discount rate based on recommendations from the Expert Panel in February 2026. Some further work is required from Law Officers before this is completed.	High	Policy & Resources Committee and Law Officers	N/A
2019, XXI (Art. 1)	States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2020 Provision for equity release mortgages (proposition 28)	Policy & Resources	The Equity Release Mortgages Ordinance has been submitted for publication in the April 2026 Billet.	Medium	States Assembly	N/A
2020, VII (Art. 7)	Development of Competition Legislation Amendments to the Competition (Enabling Provisions) (Guernsey) Law, 2009, the Competition (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 and the Guernsey Competition and	Economic Development	On hold until the Review of the Competition Law & Regulation is finalised. The GCRA review is expected to conclude by the end of 2026.	High	Committee for Economic Development	N/A

	Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012					
2020, XIII (Art. 6)	<p>Proposed introduction of a general housing law</p> <p>Introduction of enabling legislation to allow for the regulation of the Island's housing other than control of occupation. Amendment of other legislation relevant to housing standards. The enabling Law was approved by the States on the 15 October 2021. Ordinances will be required under the Law. The first set of obligations arising from this came into force in</p>	Housing	<p>Committee has de-prioritised the introduction of HMO licencing, but would like landlord registration to progress first. In parallel policy work on the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants is now well progressed. It is expected that something could be brought to the States in Q2 and discussions with Law officers are progressing at officer level. A further Ordinance is required to provide for a deposit compensation scheme but Chambers has not yet received instructions for this. As at 2026 this is a low priority workstream. There is potential for a private scheme to launch without the need for government intervention.</p>	High	Committee for Housing	Foundations for Our Future

	July 2025, but there are a number of other areas yet to be progressed into ordinances.					
2020, XV (Art. 15)	Proposals for a new Discrimination Ordinance Rules of Procedure for the Employment and Discrimination Tribunal by Order under the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2005.	Employment & Social Security	Drafters met with the Convenor of the Tribunal, the Director of the Employment and Equal Opportunities Service and officers of the Committee on 24 May 2024. The Tribunal established a sub-committee for the preparation of the Rules. Drafting has commenced.	High	Law Officers	Foundations for Our Future
2020, XVI (Art. 8)	Mitigate Climate Change – States of Guernsey Climate Change	Environment & Infrastructure	Following "Pathway to net zero", a review will be undertaken to assess priority. Legislative work is expected this political term given the 2030 interim target.	Low	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	Island Resilience

	<p>Policy & Action Plan</p> <p>Legislate for a target of net zero emissions in relation to greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere by 2050 and an interim target of reducing emissions by 57% on 1990 levels by 2030, and imposing a legal requirements for annual statements by the Committee for all emissions for Scope 1, 2 and 3.</p>					
2020, IV (Art. 5)	<p>Use of money in dormant accounts</p> <p>Establishment of a statutory scheme to require the transfer of balances in</p>	Policy & Resources	This work has moved to sit with the Chief Resources Officer and Director of the Revenue Service and draft legislation is with them for review.	High	Policy & Resources Committee	N/A

	dormant bank accounts in the Bailiwick to a statutory central fund called the Bailiwick Dormant Accounts Fund.					
2021, VIII (Art. 2)	Introduction of Limited Liability Companies legislation	Economic Development	This was put on hold pending the MoneyVal evaluation. The draft legislation has been prepared and the next stage will be for officers to consult with industry on the draft legislation.	High	Committee for Economic Development	N/A
2021, XVII (Art. 17)	The Bailiwick's Participation in UK Free Trade Agreements Legislation in respect of Free Trade Agreements	Policy & Resources	Agreement for CPTPP in principle to include Guernsey for services - target date will be 2 years from UK Effect from Date (approx. 2025/6). Some legislation may be require to comply with the standards, work to review and develop implementation plans. At the present time, the are no specific legislative drafting projects arising.	Medium	Policy & Resources Committee	Island Resilience
2021, XXIII (Art. 4)	Legislation relating to financial crime and related matters Amendments to the criminal justice framework for addressing	Home Affairs	The last item of legislation left to be prepared under this resolution, the Criminal Justice (Cybercrime and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2025, has been approved and was registered before the Full Court on the 10 November 2025. The Law will be commenced by Regulation when a	High	Committee for Home Affairs	N/A

	<p>financial crime: repealing and replacing the Forfeiture of Money, etc in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2007; amendments to eight other pieces of legislation; and new legislation regarding liability for international assistance.</p>		<p>commencement date is agreed by the Committee. The Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2022 was approved by the States in November 2022. A Law to replace the Forfeiture of Money, etc in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2007 was approved by the States on the 19 July 2023.</p>			
<p>2022, XVII (Art. 6)</p>	<p>The Bailiwick's Further Participation in UK Free Trade Agreements New legislation may be required, or existing legislation amended, to ensure the island(s) fulfil the obligations of the</p>	<p>Policy & Resources</p>	<p>Agreement for the Comprehensive & Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (“CPTPP”) in principle to include Guernsey for services - target date will be two years from the UK’ ‘effect from’ date (approx. 2025/6). This entry should be read together with the other FTA Policy Letter (Billet XVII of 2021). This proposition is also forward-looking and provides a direction to legislate in case the same is required to enable the continued implementation of, or ensure continued compliance with, FTA obligations that go beyond those</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Policy & Resources Committee</p>	<p>Island Resilience</p>

	CPTPP or other reasons.		delegated to the Policy & Resources Committee by the earlier Policy Letter. At present, there are no specific legislative drafting projects.			
2022, XVIII (Art. 2)	Low Value Debt Relief Introduction of legislation to allow for the remission of low levels of unsecured personal debt ("low value debt relief")	Economic Development	Draft legislation will be provided to a limited group of stakeholders for comment.	High	Committee for Economic Development	N/A
2022, XVIII (Art. 5)	Population and Immigration Policy Review Amendment of the Population Management (Guernsey) Law, 2016 To remove Medium-Term Employment Permits from the Law; amend the requirements in relation to Short-	Home Affairs	Draft sent to Home Affairs officers in 2023. Instructions awaited.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Home Affairs	Foundations for Our Future

	Term Employment Permits; and make clear that Open Market householders may accommodate Seasonal Employment Permit holders.					
2022, XX (Art. 3)	Review of the Children Law and Outcomes	Health & Social Care	<p>The Children Law 2022 amendments have received Royal Assent, and preparations are underway to implement these changes with commencement expected before the end of 2026.</p> <p>The Law was approved by the States on the 30 April 2025 and the States of Alderney on the 16 July 2025. It has been submitted for Royal Sanction. The remaining resolutions will be addressed in an Ordinance.</p>	High	States Assembly	Foundations for Our Future
2024, II (Art. 7)	Road Traffic Legislation Amendments in regard to hazardous driving, drink-driving and drug-driving Includes the creation of new offences in	Home Affairs	<p>The Road Traffic (Causing Death or Serious Injury by Driving) (Guernsey) Law, 2025, Road Traffic (Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 and Road Traffic (Drink Driving) (Guernsey) Law, 1989 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 were approved by the States on the 5 March, 2025. The Law was registered before the Full Court on the 16 June 2025. A further Ordinance (Driving Licences (Guernsey)</p>	Medium	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience

	relation to hazardous driving, drink-driving and drug-driving, amendments to requirements relating to evidential breath tests and amendment of existing offences to make them similar to that applicable in England and Wales.		(Amendment) Ordinance, 2025) was approved by the States on 3 September, 2025. The Law and Ordinances will be commenced by Order of the Committee. Sections of the Road Traffic (Drink Driving) (Guernsey) Law, 1989 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 were commenced on the 12 May 2025. Instructions are awaited from the Committee regarding commencement of the remaining elements.			
2024, XIX (Art. 1)	States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2025	Policy & Resources	The Budget Policy Letter contained five Ordinances which were approved at the same meeting, namely, Excise Duties (Budget) Ordinance, 2024, Taxation of Real Property (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance 2024, Document Duty (Rates) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024, Document Duty (Anti-Avoidance) (Rates) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 and Motor Taxation (First Registration Duty of Motor Vehicles) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2024. The Income Tax (Budget) Ordinance, 2024 was made by the Policy and Resources Committee on the 17	High	Policy & Resources Committee and Law Officers	N/A

			December, 2024. Regulations in respect of the OECD Crypto Asset Reporting Framework commenced on 1 January 2026. Remaining resolutions in respect of the introduction of an additional lower 15% tax rate band for individuals, restructure of social security contributions, broad based introduction of GST of 5% and other measures described in sections 6-10 of Article V of Billet No. II of 2023 (with appropriate changes to the monetary thresholds to account for the effect of inflation) from January 2027 (Res. 1B).			
2025, XXVIII (Art. 2)	Non-Contributory Benefit Rates for 2026 Annual uprating Ordinances to set rates for income support, family allowance and severe disability benefit and carer's allowance. Legislation to amend the Laws specified at paragraph 9.5 of	Employment & Social Security	The Income Support (Implementation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance, 2025, the Severe Disability Benefit and Carer's Allowance Ordinance, 2025 and the Family Allowance Ordinance, 2025 were approved by the States on 26 November 2025. Amendments in respect of benefit related offences (resolutions 9-12) remain outstanding.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Employment & Social Security	N/A

	the Policy Letter to increase the penalties for benefit-related offences involving fraud, set a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment, and repeal of the Employment of Immigrants (Control) (Guernsey) Law, 1974.					
2025, XXVIII (Art. 1)	States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2026	Policy & Resources	The Income Tax (Guernsey) (Budget) Ordinance, 2025 (addressing resolutions 1, 4, 6 and 7) commenced on 1st January, 2026. Regulations to increase the Standard Charge in section 5B(2) of the Income Tax Law (resolution 2) were sent to the revenue service for comment on 13.10.2025. Legislation to introduce a duty of £2.20 per 10ml of vaping liquid (resolution 10) will be introduced during 2026.	Not yet prioritised	Policy & Resources Committee	N/A
2025, III (Art. 7)	Education Governance	Education, Sport & Culture	The Education (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2025 (Commencement) Ordinance,	Not yet prioritised	Legislation Review Panel	Foundations for Our Future

	Amend the Education (Guernsey) Law, 1970 and any relevant associated legislation to give effect to the new Education Governance system from the commencement of the 2025/2026 academic year, or as soon as practicable thereafter.		2026, Education (Governance Boards) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 and Alderney (Application of Legislation) (Education) Ordinance, 2026 will be considered by the Legislation Review Panel on the 20 April 2026. Once approved, this resolution will be discharged. The Education (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2025 was approved by the States on 3 September, 2025. The Education (Governance Boards) Ordinance, 2025 was approved by the States on the 25 September Billet.			
2025, III (Art. 10)	Bank Resolution Authority Legislation to provide for the establishment of a bank resolution regime.		The Law was registered before the Full Court on the 15 December 2025. The next stage is to prepare legislation to set up the Bank Resolution Committee, commence the Law and make amendments to the scheme. A further Policy Letter will be prepared to establish the "Fund".	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Economic Development	N/A
2025, IX (Art. 20)	Amendment to Customs Legislation - Appointment of Ports, Airports,	Home Affairs	Law approved by the States on 28 January 2026. Law is awaiting approval by the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas of Sark.	Not yet prioritised	States Assembly	N/A

	<p>Boarding Stations Amendment of the Customs and Excise (General Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1972 to enable the Committee for Home Affairs to authorise persons to land goods and passengers at places other than an approved port, subject to specified conditions and restrictions.</p>					
2025, IX (Art.21)	<p>Amendments to the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Motor Vehicles) Ordinance, 2002 Amendment of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Motor</p>	Environment & Infrastructure	The Committees for Home Affairs and for the Environment & Infrastructure have agreed an approach to the decibel limit trial, which will be carried out between April-November 2026. This will then frame the legislative work. The draft Ordinance is with officers for comment.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	Island Resilience

<p>Vehicles) Ordinance, 2002 to: provide for additional offences of (a) altering an exhaust system after the date of manufacture to increase the noise and (b) of driving a motor vehicle with an exhaust system which does not comply with a specified decibel limit; and to provide a Regulation making power to enable the Committee to specify all those matters which are necessary for the purpose of enforcing and giving effect to the offence.</p>					
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2025, IX (Art. 18)	<p>Prevention of Discrimination Ordinance: Proposals for the Ground of Age and Other Matters</p> <p>Amendment of Prevention of Discrimination (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2022 to include the Protected Ground of age, to correct a typo in section 36(3), and to remove the affirmative resolution requirement for Regulations made under paras. 15(3) and 22(2) of the Schedule.</p>	Employment & Social Security	Drafting will commence in Q2 of 2026.	High	Law Officers	Foundations for Our Future
2025, IX (Art. 15)	<p>Change to Eligibility Criteria to Receive Family</p>	Employment & Social Security	The Family Allowances and Social Insurance (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2026 was approved by the States on 22 April 2026. It is awaiting Royal Assent. The	High	States Assembly	N/A

	<p>Allowance and Widowed Parent's Allowance Amendments to the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978 and the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950, and any other relevant subordinate legislation to provide that these allowances are payable until the last Sunday in July during the academic year in which the claimant's child turns 18, provided they are receiving full time education. Amendments to</p>		<p>target entry into force date is 1 September 2026.</p>			
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	come into force during 2026.					
2025, IX (Art. 15)	Driving Licence Category - D1 Not for Pay or Reward Amend the Driving Licence (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1995 to introduce a new licence category	Environment & Infrastructure	The required legislative changes have been prioritised. Draft Amendments sent to officers for comment.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	N/A
2025, IX (Art. 4)	Nationality Borders Act 2022 and Article 72A of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948: Electronic Travel Authorisation, Visa Penalties & Carriers' Liability To agree that an Order in Council be made to extend sections 70, 75 and 76 of the Nationality and Borders Act	Home Affairs	UK Statutory Instrument was approved by the Privy Council on the 17.10.25. A suite of five Statutory Instruments will need to be made under the extended Act. These are likely to be made in the first half of 2026.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Home Affairs	Island Resilience

	2022 to the Bailiwick with modifications as detailed in the appended Immigration (Guernsey) Order 2025.					
2025, V (Art. 3)	<p>The Need to Stabilise the Private Care Home Market and Incentivise Growth to Meet Demand</p> <p>Amendments to the rates of Long-term Care benefit and the weekly contributions which a claimant must make towards the cost of care.</p> <p>Amendments to the conditions of entitlement to long-term care benefit and respite care</p>	Employment & Social Security	<p>The Long-term Care Insurance (Guernsey) (Rates) Ordinance, 2025 was approved by the States on the 30 April 2025. The Ordinance addresses propositions 5,6 and 7.</p> <p>30.04.26 - A Projet is required to address propositions 9, 10, 11 and 12. The Projet has been drafted and, subject to Committee approval, will be considered by the Legislation Review Panel at their 1 June 2026 meeting.</p> <p>Regulations are required to, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set the parameters of the financial assessment in respect of the User Care Cost Contribution, • provide for anti-divestment, and • set out transitional provisions in respect of the charge to the current five-year residency test. 	High	Law Officers	Sustainable Wellbeing

	benefit relating to residency in Guernsey or Alderney and adding a requirement to pay an up front user care cost contribution subject to the outcome of a financial assessment.					
2025, VI (Art. 9)	<p>Bailiwick of Guernsey's Sanitary and Phytosanitary Border Model</p> <p>The UK / EU reset (and Guernsey's position relative to this) will determine the scope, necessity and mechanism for dynamic legislative alignment. This is an ongoing situation that is an</p>	Environment & Infrastructure	The UK / EU reset (and Guernsey's position relative to this) will determine the scope, necessity and mechanism for dynamic legislative alignment. This is an ongoing situation that is an active workstream encompassing SPS officers, Customs, law officers and the respective Committees.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure	Island Resilience

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2025, VI (Art. 11)	Review of the Children Law and Outcomes This is a supplementary Policy Letter to Billet d'Etat No. XX of 2022. It directs amendments regarding Supervision Orders, Regulation making powers and Community Parenting Orders.	Health & Social Care	See the entry above entitled "Review of the Children Law and Outcomes".	High	Committee for Health & Social Care	Foundations for Our Future
2025, VI (Art. 8)	Legislative Changes for the Implementation of the Open Market Part A	Housing	The Law was registered before the Full Court on the 16 June. An Ordinance commencing the majority of the Law was approved by the States on the 22 October 2025. The remaining sections are likely to be commenced in the summer of 2026.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Housing	Foundations for Our Future

	<p>Inscriptions Policy To amend the Open Market Housing Register (Guernsey) Law, 2016 regarding the inscription of properties in Part A of the Open Market Housing Register.</p>					
2025, VIII (Art. 3)	<p>Proposed Amendment to the Medicines (Human and Veterinary) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008, Relating to Prescription-Only Medicines Amend the Medicines (Human and Veterinary) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008 to provide for Ordinances to</p>	Health & Social Care	The Ordinance now been approved by the States of Alderney and the Chief Pleas. Ordinance will be commenced and Regulations made when resources allow.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Health & Social Care	Sustainable Wellbeing

	regulate the retail sale, supply and administration of prescription only medicines and for Regulations and Orders to be laid before the States.					
2025, VIII (Art. 3)	Development Plans - Amendment Process Amendments to the Land Planning and Development (Plans) Ordinance, 2007 and other planning legislation in relation to Development Plans to provide for more streamlined processes for amendments to a Development Plan and to remove certain	Development & Planning Authority	Legal drafting is nearing completion.	High	Development & Planning Authority	N/A

	restrictions regarding the appointment of planning inspectors.					
2025, VIII (Art. 3)	Rectories in Plurality Amend the Parochial Church Property (Guernsey) Law, 2015 and any other relevant legislation to abolish any customary law duty to provide accommodation for the Rector of a parish and the Rector's household from 1st January 2030.	Policy & Resources		Not yet prioritised	Policy & Resources Committee	N/A
2025, VIII (Art. 4)	Further Reforms in Respect of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences To introduce a range of new	Home Affairs	The first draft is being reviewed by other lawyers within Chambers.	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Home Affairs and Law Officers	Island Resilience

	offences in relation to domestic abuse and sexual offences and other related protective measures and rules of evidence.					
2026, III (Art. 6)	Revised Age Limits for Boy Piercing		Draft Ordinance is with the Committee	Not yet prioritised	Committee for Health & Social Care	
2026, III (Art. 1)	Tax Reform: Workstream 1 This Policy Letter provides further drafting instructions to those provided in Billet No. II of 2023 (as detailed in the entry entitled "States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2025") in respect of a Goods and Services Tax.	Policy & Resources		High	Policy & Resources Committee	