

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

3rd November, 2026

Proposition No. P.2026/82

Policy & Resources Committee

The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2027

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M Leadbeater

Seconded by: Deputy J Gollop

1. To insert, in Proposition 16, immediately after the words “paragraph 6.27” the following:

“, subject to an additional £1,953,000 of expenditure for the Committee for Home Affairs for the purpose of maintaining frontline services”
2. To insert, in Proposition 17(b), immediately after the words “paragraph 6.27” the following:

“, subject to an additional £792,000 of expenditure for the Committee for Home Affairs for the purpose of maintaining frontline services”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The propositions contribute to the States’ objectives and policy plans of the Government Work Plan 2026-2029, specifically the “Safe and Secure Population” objective of the “Island Resilience” area of focus and supports the principles and outcomes of the Justice Framework 2022-2029.
- b) In preparing the propositions, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee *for Home Affairs*’ operational Service Areas and the Policy & Resources Committee.
- c) The propositions have been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

- d) This amendment would result in an additional £1,953,000 of expenditure for Option A and an additional £792,000 of expenditure for Option B.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier and the States' Treasury.

Explanatory note

The Committee *for* Home Affairs (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing a broad range of essential operational services. This amendment speaks to the core of the Committee's purpose: *to support a high standard of living and quality of life by maintaining and promoting a safe, stable and equitable society which values public protection and justice and respects the rights, responsibilities and potential of every person.*

The Committee believes that it is essential that funding is secured to protect frontline services, more specifically, the Officers that make up the Police Force, Fire & Rescue Service, the Prison Service and the Joint Emergency Services Control Centre.

It is important to emphasise that this amendment does not seek funds to invest in, or develop, new services – its purpose is to maintain current provision and meet a growing demand. That growing demand is evident in:

- Enhanced confidence and successful prosecutions leading to increased reporting of new and sexual historic offences. This is a position that, as government, we should support maintaining.
- Increasingly complex investigations and defence lines, as society's use of technology evolves, investigations become more technical and time consuming.
- The increased call to support those in mental health crisis and missing persons reports which now consumes around 31% of Police response officers' time.

These Frontline Services are delivered by dedicated teams who work tirelessly to uphold public safety. Government has a responsibility to ensure that these services are resourced to respond to the challenges of a modern society and meet the changing needs of our community.

These Operational Services are already lean and operate in a challenging environment often engaging with members of the community when they are at their most vulnerable and this can place an incredible strain on individual Officers. Calling on Officers to do

more and relying on overtime to deliver these 24 hour services is not a responsible or cost effective option.

This amendment is critical, without this additional funding there will be a detrimental impact on service delivery and standards.

Maintaining Frontline Services		
	Option A	Option B
Bailiwick Law Enforcement – this includes 11 officers (including nine Police Constables) critical training to respond to increasingly complex crime and the requirement for specialist skills	£1,145,000	£349,000
Guernsey Fire & Rescue Service – this includes 5 Officers and essential equipment and training necessary to maintain safe operations	£425,000	£235,000
Guernsey Prison – this includes five Officers to cover unfunded Court Security requirements and maintenance of minimum standards within the Prison.	£238,000	£120,000
Joint Emergency Services Control Centre – reflects true cost of maintaining current service levels, minimising reliance on overtime	£145,000	£88,000
Total	£1,953,000	£792,000