

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 S Vermeulen

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

“, subject to an additional £988,000 of expenditure for the Committee *for* Home Affairs for the purpose of safeguarding the Island’s international reputation and the economy”

2. To insert, in Proposition 17(b), immediately after the words “paragraph 6.27” the following:

“, subject to an additional £790,000 of expenditure for the Committee *for* Home Affairs for the purpose of safeguarding the Island’s international reputation and the economy”

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 £988,000 of expenditure for Option A and an additional £790,000 of expenditure for Option B.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier and the States' Treasury.

Explanatory note

Promoting the Bailiwick as a safe and secure place to live and work and where business can thrive is key as this States navigate a new fiscal norm.

The Committee *for* Home Affairs (the Committee) recognises the increasing complexity of the environment in which the Bailiwick operates. Developments in technology, global instability and emerging security risks require us to remain vigilant, adaptable and forward looking if we are to protect our international economy and maintain the security of the Bailiwick.

Maintaining confidence in the jurisdiction requires effective financial intelligence and investigative capabilities that protect the Island from economic and financial crime and prevent its financial and professional services from being exploited by criminals, sanctioned actors, terrorist financiers, or proliferation networks.

The Economic & Financial Crime Bureau (EFCB) and Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) are both small, specialist services delivering essential operational capabilities.

The funding is required to preserve existing capability rather than support discretionary expansion. It will maintain investigative capacity within the EFCB and operational resilience within the FIU. The FIU identifies and assesses financial threats, while the EFCB converts intelligence into investigation, asset recovery, and disruption. Both functions are essential. Intelligence without sufficient capacity to investigate and act cannot adequately protect the jurisdiction.

Failure to protect this capability would weaken Guernsey's ability to investigate financial crime, cooperate with international partners, and demonstrate sustained improvement against international standards. It would create avoidable risks to the Bailiwick's security, Guernsey's international reputation, and confidence in the integrity of its economy.

This amendment will also ensure that the necessary funding is in place to support the stabilisation of the Population Management Service which is critical to the business community and the effectiveness of the wider economy.

Safeguarding the Islands International Reputation and the Economy		
	Option A	Option B
Economic & Financial Crime Bureau – includes four investigators to preserve investigative capacity and support prosecutions	£353,000	£254,000
Financial Intelligence Unit – includes one officer to maintain operational capacity	£104,000	£60,000
Cyber Security & Emergency Planning – includes commitment to deliver national cyber capability	£ 39,000	nil
Population Management – to support service stabilisation and recovery	£492,000	£476,000
Total	£988,000	£790,000