

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 N Inder
Seconded by: Deputy M Leadbeater

At the end of proposition 9, immediately before the full stop the following:

“, subject to the following amendment to the Ordinance, which is to be amended so that the amounts in column 3 of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the inserted text in section 6 as follows:

“A – Freeze duty for diesel at 2026 rates

1. in the table set out in paragraph 2:
 - a. in subparagraph (c), for "94.4p" substitute "90.5p";
 - b. in subparagraph (d), for "63.1p" substitute "60.5p"; and".”.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition is not in line with the Integrated transport Strategy
- b) Consultation has been undertaken with the Treasury Officers in respect of the financial impact.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect are a reduction in revenue income of white diesel is £334,000.

- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory note

Freezing fuel duty in 2027 would help offset the significant increase in diesel costs experienced over recent months, providing much-needed cost certainty for the road haulage industry. As fuel is one of the largest operating expenses for hauliers, sharp rises in diesel prices place immediate pressure on transport firms' margins, particularly for small and medium-sized operators that have limited ability to absorb additional costs.

A fuel duty freeze would reduce the risk of further cost escalation, supporting the competitiveness and financial resilience of the sector. This would help businesses maintain freight services, avoid passing the full extent of increased costs on to customers, and support the stability of supply chains across the economy. Given that road haulage underpins the movement of goods to retailers, manufacturers and consumers, a freeze in fuel duty would provide targeted relief to an industry facing significant fuel cost pressures while helping to limit wider inflationary impacts

This amendment proposes to replace the proposed increase of 4.3% in the rates of excise duty on diesel, biodiesel and HVO.

For clarity, the proposed rates are reflected in the Appendix to this amendment.

Appendix

2. Petrol and gas oil -

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| (a) | Petrol other than any fuel used for the purpose of air navigation (and subject to b.) | 94.4p per litre |
| (b) | Petrol used for the purpose of marine navigation | 64.0p per litre
where supplied by
an approved trader
except where
supplied to an
approved trader in
which case 94.4p
per litre ^c |
| (c) | Gas oil which does not fall within the definition of HVO | 90.5p per litre |
| (d) | Gas oil which falls within the definition of HVO | 60.5p per litre |

3. Other fuels –

Biodiesel	60.5p per litre
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^c The circumstances in which the different rates may apply shall be specified by the Committee by Order.