

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

21st June, 2023

Proposition No. P.2023/38

Committee for Education, Sport & Culture

Education Law Review

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy S Kazantseva-Miller

Seconded by: Deputy S J Falla

In proposition 3, to delete “free”.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The propositions contribute to the States’ objectives and policy plans by developing or clarifying proposals pursuant to the Education Law review.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no funding implications arising from this proposition.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Proposition 3 as drafted makes a binding commitment in law that any future careers service will be provided for free. It also commits to the availability of an *all-age* careers service - in other words a universal benefit available to all islanders, regardless of age and income. Most of the beneficiaries of the States’ career service right now are children in the education system.

The policy paper assumes that there will be no financial implications for delivering an all-age careers service. However, it is very likely that making the service more universally available and accessible could increase its operating costs and it is unclear how any increase in cost would be supported. Given the financial situation of the

States, it may be inappropriate at this stage to commit for such a service to be universally free in law. For example, it is possible that some elements of the careers service could be delivered for a fee for those who can pay. The amendment simply seeks to remove the legal commitment for it to be free. The removal of the word “free” does not mean that the service could not be provided for free anyway if that was deemed appropriate by policy.

This amendment does not seek to cast any doubt that a careers service is a valuable part of any human capital development plan for the island. It simply seeks to give flexibility to the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture to design and develop the business model to deliver the careers service, so it can levy fees and charges, if appropriate or necessary, as part of any future careers service policy development.