

Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report

RELEASE OF MAJOR INCIDENT FUNDING IN 2024

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve the allocation of up to £4,403,423 from the Central Reserve – General Reserve for continued response to Major Incidents.

2. Background

In 2024, the Central Reserve includes funds that have been ringfenced for specific purposes by the Government Plan 2024-27 and the end of year flexibility process. These funds are held in the Central Reserve until the level or timing of financial need is necessary.

Funding for Major Incidents

Following Major Incidents that occurred from late 2022 and early 2023, reserve funding was allocated to the departments responsible for coordinating the response. Through MD-TR-2024-216, the Minister for Treasury and Resources ringfenced £6.6 million in funding for Major Incidents that was not spent in 2023 to meet the on-going costs of the response in 2024.

The Minister is now satisfied that the sums below need to be released in 2024 to the heads of expenditure listed. These amounts can only be spent for the purpose of the ongoing response to Major Incidents.

| Head of Expenditure | Title | 2024 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| States of Jersey Police | For ongoing Major Incidents | Up to £2,600,000 |
| Justice and Home Affairs | For ongoing Major Incidents | Up to £890,756 |
| Environment | For ongoing Major Incidents | Up to £500,000 |
| Economy | For ongoing Major Incidents | Up to £412,667 |
| Total | | Up to £4,403,423 |

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the allocation of up to £4,403,423 from the Central Reserve – General Reserve as detailed above for the purposes set out in this report.

4. Reason for Decision

Article 15(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the approval by the States of a Government Plan authorises the Minister to direct how an approved appropriation for a reserve head of expenditure in the plan may be spent (including on another head of expenditure) in the first financial year covered by the plan.

The current Policy for Allocations from the Reserve, presented to the States Assembly as R.76/2022, sets out the requirements for allocations from the General Reserve. These requirements have been met and the Treasurer now recommends these allocations to the Minister for Treasury and Resources for approval.

5. Resource Implications

The Central Reserve – General Reserve will decrease by up to £4,403,423 in 2024.
In 2024 the following departmental heads of expenditure will increase:

Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture by up to £412,667,
Environment by up to £500,000,
Justice and Home Affairs by up to £890,756 and,
States of Jersey Police by up to £2,600,000.

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan 2024-27.

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