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**AN ORDINANCE**

**to amend the Business Levy Ordinance, 2012 so as to fix the relevant total amount and shares payable for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020, to make provision for liability to pass to successors, and for connected and consequential purposes.**

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Enacted by the Governor of Ascension after consultation with the Island Council.

**Citation and interpretation**

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Business Levy (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.
- (2) In this Ordinance, “**the principal Ordinance**” means the Business Levy Ordinance, 2012.

**Persons liable for business levy**

2. Section 4 of the principal Ordinance is repealed and the following is substituted:  

“4. The Schedule to this Ordinance makes provision for the persons who are liable to pay business levy.”

**Amount of business levy**

3. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is repealed and the following is substituted:

“5. The Schedule to this Ordinance makes provision for the amount of business levy which a person is liable to pay and the period during which it is payable.”.

### Consequential amendment

4. In section 6(3)(a) and in section 8, for the words “specified in section 4” substitute “liable to pay business levy”.

### Addition of Schedule

5. The following Schedule is added to the principal Ordinance:

**“SCHEDULE  
PERSONS LIABLE FOR BUSINESS LEVY AND AMOUNT PAYABLE**

#### Persons liable and amount of business levy

1. (1) In this Schedule—  
“**relevant total amount**” means £1,811,000; and  
“**relevant period**” means the financial year commencing 1 April 2020.

(2) During the relevant period, the persons specified in column 1 are liable to pay a share of the relevant total amount in the proportions specified in column 2:

<i>Person</i>	<i>Proportion (%)</i>
Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom	60.71
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom	3.03
British Broadcasting Corporation	30.62
Sure South Atlantic Limited	5.64

#### Liability of successors

2. If, during the relevant period—
- (a) the whole or substantially the whole of the assets and liabilities of any person specified in column 1 transfers (whether by insolvency, merger, or acquisition of that person, or otherwise) to another person (“P”); or
  - (b) in respect of a Secretary of State, the functions of that person are transferred to another person (“P”),

the liability to pay the business levy will pass to P, and column 1 will be deemed to have been amended accordingly for the remainder of the relevant period.”.

#### Transitory modification of section 6

6. From the commencement of this Ordinance until 31 March 2021, subsections (2), (3)(a) and (5) of section 6 of the principal Ordinance have effect as if for the word “April”, the word “May” were substituted on each occasion where it appears.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note does not form part of the Ordinance)*

This Ordinance amends the Business Levy Ordinance, 2012 to set the relevant total amount and share payable for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020, and to make provision for liability to pass to successors.