

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 31st October 2012

Meeting No: 31

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Adviser - International Affairs, Chief Minister's Department Director Tax Policy, Treasury and Resources Deputy Comptroller, Treasury and Resources Senior Manager Tax Policy, Treasury and Resources
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 18th October 2012, which was signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
18/10/12 Item 2 515/25	2. Intellectual Property Unregistered Rights (IPURL) The Panel received a response from the Minister for Economic Development to the comments and questions raised by its adviser's report on the draft subordinate IPURL legislation. The Panel agreed that the Minister's response would be sent to its adviser for final comment. The Panel also agreed to scope possible work, which would be similarly undertaken by an adviser, regarding the adequacy of Jersey's legislative framework for coverage of 'personal image rights'.	TO
18/10/12 Item 2 515/27	3. Tourism Shadow Board The Panel confirmed its previous agreement that the proposals to establish a Tourism Shadow Board and rebrand Jersey Tourism as Visit Jersey represented a potentially significant step and raised a number of questions, and as such required due scrutiny. The Panel was advised that the Minister for Economic Development had been informed of the Panel's intentions, but noted the recent lodging of <i>P.113/2012 Tourism Shadow Board: Establishment</i> . Due to the potential consequences of a significant delay to this Proposition on the development of the new Tourism Strategy, the Panel agreed that this Review would need to be given priority over its Jersey Innovation Fund Review. It noted that this decision might have consequential delays for the Jersey Innovation Fund Review. The Panel agreed that there would need to be further communication with the Minister for Economic Development regarding the Panel's requirement for delays to the current intended debate dates of both the Tourism	TO

	Shadow Board and Jersey Innovation Fund Propositions. It was agreed by the Panel that following its discussions the Review of <i>P.113/2012 Tourism Shadow Board: Establishment</i> should be scoped, Terms of Reference drafted and a project timetable established and circulated to the Panel for its consideration.	TO
18/10/12 Item 4 515/26	4. Jersey Innovation Fund The Panel noted its draft Scoping Document, Terms of Reference and project timetable for its intended Review. In view of its discussions regarding the Tourism Shadow Board Review and the prioritisation of that work, further consideration would be given to these draft documents in due course.	
18/10/12 Item 5 515/24	5. Financial Services Ombudsman The Panel welcomed receipt of a detailed timetable from the Economic Development Department for the remaining legislation drafting process, noting that as a result of which it was likely to begin its public work on the topic in the first quarter of 2013.	
18/10/12 Item 7 515/1(24)	6. Work Programme The Panel welcomed receipt of a Workstream paper from the Economic Development Department, which would help inform its own work planning. The Panel agreed that it would request an amendment to the format of the paper to include more detail on the individual project timetables, comparable to the helpful information provided in relation to the Financial Services Ombudsman, in order to further assist its work planning and understanding of the Department's work schedule. The Panel noted its draft Work Programme for 2013, but agreed that it would require revision based on the decisions it had made during the course of the meeting and the additional information requested as part of the Workstream paper.	TO TO
515/1(29)	7. Company Tax Update The Panel welcomed the Adviser - International Affairs, Chief Minister's Department and Director Tax Policy, Deputy Comptroller and Senior Manager Tax Policy from the Treasury and Resources Department who provided a detailed briefing on updates to company taxation.	
19/09/12 Item 2 515/23	8. Aircraft Registry The Ministerial response to the Panel's Aircraft Registry report, S.R.6/2012, was distributed to the Panel in draft form. The Panel was informed that the response was due to be presented to the States shortly, once it had been formally signed off by the Minister for Economic Development in the coming days.	
515/1(24)	9. Digital Skills The Panel received an invitation from the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel to discuss their respective approaches to potentially overlapping work relating to digital skills and Digital Jersey. The Panel agreed that such discussions would represent a sensible step, and that it would suggest to the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel that a suitable date to meet might be the Panel's meeting scheduled for 28th November, 2012.	TO
	10. Future Meetings	

	The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place at 9.30am on 14th November, Blampied Room States Building.	
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