

# Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 16th May 2007  
Meeting 25

Present	Deputy F.J. Hill ,BEM, Chairman Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman Deputy J. Gallichan
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. E. Egglshaw, Orchid Communications  Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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<b>[14/05/07, Item 7]</b>	<p><b>1. Orchid Communications</b> The Panel met Mr. E. Egglshaw of Orchid Communications. The Panel received an oral report from Mr. Egglshaw on the work that had been undertaken to date by Orchid Communications for the Scrutiny function. The Panel, with Mr. Egglshaw's assistance, subsequently considered and completed a questionnaire regarding public engagement activity.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that Mr. Egglshaw would prepare a report of the meeting and that this would be circulated to the Panel within the next few days.</p> <p>During its discussions with Mr. Egglshaw, the Panel recalled that it had received a copy of the Lambeth Borough Council newsletter. It requested that a copy of the newsletter be forwarded to Orchid Communications for its information.</p>	<b>WM/TO</b>
<b>[14/05/07, Item 2]</b>	<p>The Panel considered a recent press report of the meeting it had held on 14th May 2007 with the Chief Minister, Senator F.H. Walker. It agreed that the report did not appear to have given a balanced impression of the meeting. It was further agreed that the Chairman would contact the relevant journalist about the matter.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would be beneficial, at the end of each scheduled Panel Meeting, to make a media release that would indicate the main topics covered during the meeting. The Scrutiny Officers were requested to draft a media release that could be used as a template.</p>	<b>BH</b>  <b>WM/TO</b>
<b>[14/05/07, Item 4]</b>	<p><b>2. Early Years</b> The Panel recalled that, in 2006, eighteen Scrutiny Topic Proposal Forms had been received in relation to early childhood education and care. It was noted that the eighteen individuals responsible for the forms would be invited to make a written submission to the Panel for the Early Years Review.</p>	
	<b>3. Regulation of Investigatory Powers</b>	

The Panel recalled the offer, made on 30th April 2007 by the Minister for Home Affairs, Senator W. Kinnard, of a confidential briefing regarding the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Law. The Panel agreed to seek further clarification from the Department regarding the potential benefits of such a briefing.

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Signed

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Chairman  
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