

Environment Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th November 2009

Meeting Number: 15

Present	Deputy P Rondel (Chairman) (PR) Deputy D Wimberley (Vice Chairman) (DW) Connétable J Refault (JR) Deputy P Le Claire (PLC)
In attendance	M Haden M. Orbell

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Item 2 02.11.09 514/13(8)	<p>1. Building Bye Laws</p> <p>The Panel gave further consideration to the question of an independent enquiry into the carbon content of imported electricity. Deputy Le Claire said that he had been informed by the Minister for Planning and Environment that his department could not cover the full costs of an independent enquiry.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer informed the Panel that it was the view of at least one of the oil companies that it was the responsibility of the States to fund such an enquiry. It had also been stated that the Planning and Environment Department was compromised in this matter by virtue of the fact that it had accepted £0.5 million in funding for the energy efficiency programme from the Jersey Electricity Company.</p> <p>The Panel therefore agreed to reconsider the question of funding for this enquiry. At this point Deputy Le Claire withdrew from the room in view of his stated support for an enquiry in P.156/2009.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to that it was well placed to play an objective and impartial role in commissioning the proposed independent enquiry and decided that it would be prepared to offer to fully fund the study, subject to the full agreement of all parties. It was agreed that the offer should be discussed in the first instance with the Assistant Minister as it was known that the Minister would be out of the Island for some time.</p>	
Item 8 01.10.09 514/12(8)	<p>2. Environmental taxes</p> <p>The Panel agreed to increase the budget for this review to £750.</p>	

Signed

P. J. Rindell

Date:

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Chairman Environment Panel