

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(24th Meeting)

3rd December 2007PART A

(Business conducted by e-mail)

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable T.J. du Feu, Deputy A. Breckon, Mr. T. Grimes and Advocate A. Ohlsson, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy S.C. Ferguson, Chairman  
 Senator L. Norman  
 Connétable D.J. Murphy  
 Deputy J.G. Reed  
 R. Bignell  
 M. Magee  
 C. Evans

In attendance -

P. Monamy, Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

'Jersey Spending Review' project: confirmation of formal approval by Committee. 512(3)

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A7 of 26th November 2007, recalled that it had noted the progress being made on the 'Jersey Spending Review' project.

The Committee further recalled that it had previously approved a proposal to establish a 'consultancy' or similar group comprising 3 members of the Committee, together with the 3 Assistant Ministers, which was to have undertaken an overall review of States' expenditure. However, as reported to the Committee's meeting on 26th November 2007, it was recognised that the 3 Assistant Ministers had subsequently withdrawn from such involvement. Nevertheless, the 3 members of the Committee appointed for the purpose - namely, the Chairman, Deputy Reed and Mr. Magee - had confirmed their willingness to carry out the review and in due course to consider the reports to be produced under the remit of the Comptroller and Auditor General prior to their referral to the Committee.

**The Committee confirmed the appointment of the above-mentioned 3 members to assist with the planned review of the efficiency and effectiveness of States' expenditure and agreed that it supported the project. Having recalled that the details of the amount and source of the necessary funding to meet the cost of the review had been in the process of being finalised, the Committee agreed that it was prepared to support an application for the allocation to it from the current year's overall States' budget under-spending to meet part of the cost involved. The Committee noted and agreed that the major portion of the cost of the review should be met from the budget of the**

**Comptroller and Auditor General, on the basis that the details of this arrangement would be outlined at its next scheduled meeting (to be held on 10th December 2007).**