

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 9 September 2013

Meeting No: 36

Present	Deputy J. M. Maçon, Chairman Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman
Apologies	Deputy M. Tadier Deputy G. Southern
In attendance	M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2013 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>Item 3 10.06.13 516/27</p>	<p>2. Camera Surveillance Review</p> <p>Members noted the timetable for further meetings and visits in September and considered comments from its advisors on the hearings held in July.</p> <p>The Panel noted that Mr. Charles Farrier, founder of the national organisation No CCTV, had been invited to the Island to address the Jersey Human Rights Group and a suggestion had been made that he be invited to a Panel hearing. The Panel noted that noted that No CCTV was very critical of the concept of surveillance by consent which was a key principal of the new UK Camera Surveillance Code of Practice and the Protection of Freedoms Act. The Panel agreed that it would be appropriate to invite Mr. Farrier and agreed also that a contribution to his travel costs might be made in this instance.</p>	MH
<p>Item 5 22.06.13 516/32</p>	<p>3. Introduction of Tasers</p> <p>The Panel considered a revised draft report and proposition from the Minister for Home Affairs on the introduction of Tasers.</p> <p>The Panel noted that whilst many of its findings and recommendations from its report (SR4/2012) had been incorporated into the revised draft, the new draft failed to provide any assessment of incidents where the deployment and use of Tasers might have been considered appropriate, and it had not demonstrated that the use of serious violence in Jersey had increased. The Panel accordingly felt that the Minister had not yet provided a convincing argument to support the proposal.</p> <p>The Panel agreed various comments and agreed to refer them to the Minister.</p>	
<p>516/1(51)</p>	<p>4. Draft Explosives (Jersey) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel received a copy of the above draft law together with a paper setting out the principal changes from the existing 1970 Law.</p>	

	The Panel noted that the Home Affairs Department was conducting a limited consultation with interested parties and requested that it be provide with copies of any responses received, after which the Panel would consider whether detailed scrutiny of the legislation was required.	
516/1(51)	5. Jersey Probation and Aftercare Service The Panel received the Chief Officer to a public hearing to discuss the work of his department, the current pressures and ambitions and specifically the Annual Report for 2012 and Business Plan for 2013.	
	6. Date of next meeting: 30th September 2013	