

Health Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel

Income Support Sub-Panel

Record of Meeting


Date: **3rd March 2009**

Meeting Number: **8**

Present	Deputy G.P. Southern, Chairman Connétable S.A. Yates Deputy D.J. De Sousa Deputy T. Vallois
In attendance	Reverend G. Houghton, Advisor Mr. E. Le Quesne, Advisor C. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer

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Item 2 27.02.09	<p>1. Administration</p> <p>The Sub-Panel received the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) submissions to date together with an updated index; b) a meeting had taken place between the Chairman and Mr T. Bunting to discuss data provided by the Department on 'like for like' comparisons of Income Support against the former benefits systems; c) the transcripts from the Public Hearing of 27th February 2009; d) the departmental officer manual for Income Support together with a copy of the application form; and, d) a revised question plan for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security. 	
Item 1 27.02.09	<p>2. Public Hearing</p> <p>The Sub-Panel received evidence from the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security; Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security; Mr. R. Bell, Chief Officer, Social Security; and, Mrs. S. Duhamel, Policy and Strategy Director. <p>Following consideration of the transcripts the Sub-Panel would</p>	

	<p>identify any issues that required further clarification from the Minister.</p> <p>The Chairman addressed the issue of a public intervention relating to videoing of the proceedings and allowing time for public questions. Both requests were declined.</p> <p>Transcripts of the hearing would be uploaded to the Scrutiny website in due course.</p>	
	<p>3. Matters for information</p> <p>The Sub Panel noted and agreed the following</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That it would spend time at its next meeting assessing what key issues had been raised within the submissions and from its public hearings;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That a number of individuals who had made submissions required assistance to access the Income Support and a way forward for these individuals was discussed; and,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That Mrs. D. Minihane and Mr. R. Le Brocq should be invited to attend a subsequent meeting.</p>	
	<p>4. Future meetings</p> <p>The next meeting would be a Public Hearing on Friday 13th March 2009 from 9.30-11.30 in the Le Capelain Room.</p>	

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Deputy G. P. Southern
Chairman

Date 17th March 2009