

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

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Date: 16th December 2009
Meeting 59

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy T.A. Vallois Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Ogley, Chief Executive (Item 3 only) Mr. T. Walker, Director International Affairs (Item 3 only) Miss. K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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Item 1	1. Records of Meetings The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of 25th November 2009, 2nd December 2009 and the private session on the 2nd December 2009.	
Item 2	2. Matters Arising and Action Updates The Panel noted the action updates from its last Panel Meeting. It was agreed that the Officer request further information from Property Holdings regarding the Ministerial Decision MD-PH-2009.0089.	MR
16/12/09 Item 3	3. International Relations The Panel received Mr .W. Ogley, Chief Executive, and Mr. T. Walker, Director of International Affairs of the Chief Ministers Department, for a briefing on International Relations. The meeting was held in private session under Article 3.2.1(a) (vii) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i> and a private record was therefore taken. Once the Chief Executive and Director of International Affairs had withdrawn from the meeting the Panel requested that Mr. T. Walker be thanked for the briefing.	KB
Item 6 25/11/09, 513/20(8)	4. Finance Sub-Panel The Panel received an oral update on the progress of the review since its last meeting. The Officer explained the draft report had been started, however was not finished due to other commitments on the Panel's work programme.	
Item 7 25/11/09	5. Economic Stimulus Plan 2	

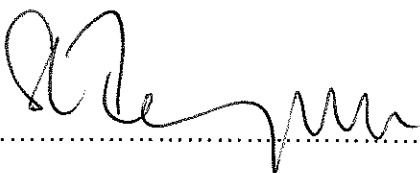
513/23(8)	<p>The Panel briefly discussed the Public Hearings with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, Minister for Social Security and the Minister for Economic Development on the 15th December 2009. The Panel received the transcripts from the Public Hearings, however agreed that they would need to be sent to the witnesses for any factual discrepancies.</p> <p>The Panel noted that work on the draft report was ongoing. It was agreed that Panel Members would read the transcripts of the Hearings and send comments to the Scrutiny Officer.</p>	MR
25/11/09 Item 6 513/18(8)	<p>6. Migration and Population</p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the invoice from Edge Analytics for the work carried out in November 2009. The Panel also received and noted an oral update from the assigned Officer. It was noted that the Sub-Panel for Migration and Population would be meeting on the 16th December at 2:00pm.</p>	
07/01/09 Item 7 513/25(8)	<p>7. Data Protection</p> <p>The Panel noted the proposed amendments to the <i>Data Protection (Jersey) Law</i> received from the Data Protection Commissioner, Mrs. E. Martins. The Panel considered the original amendment <i>Draft Data Protection (Amendment No.2) (Jersey) Law 200-</i> (P.147/2009) and noted that this had been withdrawn until the other Amendments had been finalised and could be lodged for debate altogether. The Panel also noted that the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, Deputy E.J. Noel, had agreed to wait three months in order for the Panel to undertake a review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would review Data Protection and form a Sub-Panel with Deputy T.A. Vallois as Chairman and Senator S.C. Ferguson and Deputy C.H. Egré as Members. It was noted that Deputy M.R. Higgins might want to join and this would be discussed at the Panel's next scheduled meeting.</p>	
25/11/09 Item 10 513/5(8)	<p>8. Jersey Overseas Aid</p> <p>The Panel received the draft report on Jersey Overseas Aid with the Chairman's comments. The report had been previously distributed in the Panel's last meeting on the 25th November 2009. The Panel queried a section of the report and the Officer agreed to clarify by electronic mail. The Panel agreed to read the draft report and send comments to the assigned Officer.</p>	KB
25/11/09 Item 13	<p>9. Utilities</p> <p>The Panel considered the potential conflict of one Member of the Panel with regards to a review into this matter. The Panel noted that the Annual Work Program was an item on its agenda and agreed to consider how utilities would fit into the 2010 schedule later in the Panel Meeting.</p> <p>The Panel noted it would need to decide what its remit would be with regards to this planned review. The Officer advised that the Economic Affairs Panel had a direct link with the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) which had been previously discussed by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel noted that during previous quarterly Hearings with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, the Minister had mentioned a utilities review on the Executive's side. The Panel agreed to write to the</p>	

	<p>Treasury and Resources Minister to find out what the Treasury's position was on their review. The Panel agreed that once this information was received from the Minister, the Panel could agree a way forward in terms of undertaking a review. This would be reconsidered at the Panels next meeting on the 13th January 2010.</p>	MR
<p>25/11/09 Item 5</p>	<p>10. Fiscal Strategy Review</p> <p>The Panel received an oral update from the Officer regarding the Executive's review into the Fiscal Strategy. The Panel received a copy of the Treasury and Resources Department's Terms of Reference. The Panel requested that the Tax Policy Advisor be forwarded the Comptroller and Auditor General's Terms of Reference for the review "<i>Emerging Spending Issues</i>". The Panel believed that this would assist the Tax Policy Advisor in providing the Panel with the clarification it required.</p> <p>The Panel considered arranging a meeting with the Treasury and Officers on a monthly basis after the Fiscal Strategy Steering Group had met in order to receive updates on the progress of the Review from the Officer. The Panel noted that this might impact on its work program in terms of Officer time constraints and resources. The Panel then considered one member of the Panel joining the Fiscal Strategy Steering Group in order for the Panel to receive monthly updates on progress; however this was not favoured by the entire Panel.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the Officer obtain the Minutes in due course from the Fiscal Strategy Steering Group meetings that had already taken place.</p> <p>The Panel decided to explore the Fiscal Strategy Review further but to await more information before it made any decisions.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>KB</p>
<p>513/1(31)</p>	<p>11. Annual Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel considered its Annual Work Programme for 2010. The Panel noted the Annual Business Plan and requested that the Officer write to the Minister for Treasury and Resources to find out if the Fiscal Strategy Review and the Comprehensive Spending Review were to be included in the 2010 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Once this information had been received the Panel agreed that it would be able to decide the way forward in relation to the Annual Business Plan. The Panel noted that the review into the Annual Business Plan could move to 2011 to allow other Reviews to take priority.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the planned review into utilities was not urgent and that more information was required in order to decide when the Panel would undertake this review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the planned review into Human Resources was not urgent and further information was required in order to decide when the Panel would undertake this review. The Panel's Rapporteur indicated that a meeting with the Director of Human Resources would be beneficial in making a decision whether to undertake the review. The Rapporteur would arrange this meeting in due course. The Panel noted that the Public Accounts Committee had not produced an interim report into Sickness Absence.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to review Data Protection and decided that this was a priority review. The Panel was informed that the Officer assigned to the</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>CE</p>

	<p>review into Migration and Population would also be the assigned officer for Data Protection. The Panel decided to work to producing a report into Data Protection by March 2009 so that the Officer could carry on with the Migration and Population review from March to June, when Migration Legislation was due for debate. The Panel requested that the Officer confirms its timetable regarding Migration Legislation with the Population Office.</p> <p>The Panel noted and confirmed its scheduled meeting dates for 2010.</p>	KB
	<p>12. Lombard Street Research Subscription</p> <p>The Panel noted the subscription fee of Lombard Street Research and agreed that it was too expensive for the Panel to consider taking out a subscription. The Officer was requested to inform Lombard Street Research that the Panel would not subscribe.</p>	MR
	<p>13. Budget and Expenditure</p> <p>The Panel noted its budget and expenditure to date and was informed by the Officer that the overall figure did not include the invoice from Edge Analytics for work carried out in November, which had been previously noted by the Panel.</p>	
	<p>14. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted the Forthcoming Propositions as of the 18th November 2009.</p>	
	<p>15. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions between the 19th November and the 9th December 2009. The Panel considered that the Ministerial Decisions relating to Jersey Property Holdings did not necessarily display figures or costs. The Panel decided that Connétable. D.J. Murphy would enquire from the Assistant Chief Minister, Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré why this was the case.</p>	DM
Item 16	<p>16. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place in the Le Capelain Room, States Building at 9:30 on the 13th January 2010.</p>	

Signed

Date:



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Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel