

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th February 2010
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Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy S. Pitman Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley Deputy J.M. Maçon
Apologies	Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mr. D. Scott, Scrutiny Officer

09/02/10, Item 1 515/16(8)	1. Bag Limits It was agreed that the Chairman should continue to work in liaison with the Officer to try to establish a single merged version of the two reports currently being drafted, which would be circulated to the Panel by Friday 19th February.	MH/TO
08/02/10, Item 4 515/15(8)	2. Tourism PPP The Panel considered questions for the proposed Hearings with the Jersey Hospitality Association and the Minister for Economic Development. It was agreed that draft Questions Plan would be circulated to the Panel early in the following week. The Panel agreed a number of requests for background information from both the Economic Development Department and the Jersey Hospitality Association. The Panel was advised that Jersey Tourism had raised a data protection concern regarding the Panel's request for a list of attendees to the Tourism conference held in October 2009 in order to assist the Panel in reaching a broad section of stakeholders who might wish to contribute to the Review. In place of this list, the Panel agreed to Jersey Tourism's proposal for it to place a submission request in the Tourism Weekly circular that would be distributed to over 2000 stakeholders. It was agreed that the Panel's contribution should be drafted for sign off by the Chairman the following week. The Panel also discussed the public engagement strategy for the Review of Benefit Levels being undertaken by the Income Support Sub-Panel. The Panel agreed that it would seek to improve its own engagement with the media, and in turn its public engagement, for this and future Reviews. The Panel was informed by the Chairman that following a conversation with the Director of Tourism the opportunity for a Panel visit to the Tourism Department had arisen. It was agreed that	TO/DS TO/DS TO/DS TO/DS

	<p>arrangements for this visit should be followed up and the Panel advised of possible dates accordingly.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the membership of the new Tourism Marketing Panel had been established following a competitive selection process.</p>	
<p>11/01/09, Item 7 515/19(8)</p>	<p>3. Airport and Harbours</p> <p>The Panel agreed the membership of the Airport and Harbours Sub-Panel as being Deputy M.R. Higgins, Deputy M. Tadier, Deputy T.A. Vallois and Deputy D.J. de Sousa. It was noted that in line with the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee, as the only representative from the Deputy M.R. Higgins would be Chairman of the Sub-Panel as the only representative from the main Panel.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the Sub-Panel would undertake a Harbours focused Review before moving on to an Airport focused Review. The Harbours Review was scheduled to begin immediately and to be completed by the end of July 2010.</p> <p>The Panel recalled its decision of 14th December 2009 that the Chairman would seek the advice of the Greffier of the States about a possible conflict of interest with the Airport, in view of his role in the organisation of the Jersey International Air Display. Based on his exchange with the Greffier, the Chairman advised that it was his decision to make as to whether he was conflicted in the matter. The Chairman understood this case to be a matter of perceived rather than actual conflict of interest, and had concluded that he was able to undertake the Review as he would do so in an open and evidence based manner.</p>	

Signed

M R Higgins

Date:

4 May 2010.

Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel