

# Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 25th January 2008

Meeting 55

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	<p>Senator W. Kinnard, Minister for Home Affairs [Item 1] Deputy A.D. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs [Item 1] Mr. S. Austin-Vautier, Chief Executive Officer – Home Affairs [Item 1]</p> <p>Senator M.E. Vibert, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture [Item 2] Mr. M. Lundy, Director – Education, Sport and Culture [Item 2] Mr. D. Greenwood, Assistant Director – Culture and Lifelong Learning [Item 2]</p> <p>Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer</p>

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	<p><b>1. Meeting with the Minister for Home Affairs</b> The Panel received Senator W. Kinnard, Minister for Home Affairs, accompanied by Deputy A.D. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, and Mr. S. Austin-Vautier, Chief Executive Officer – Home Affairs. The meeting was held in private session under Items 3.2.1(a)(xiv) and 3.2.1(b) of the <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>.</p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Minister of her priorities for 2008, including items of legislation that were due to be progressed. Consideration was given to the work that the Panel could potentially undertake on these areas. It was recalled that the Panel had advised the Minister on 14th January 2008 of questions regarding the 2008 Home Affairs Departmental Business Plan that the Panel had identified. The Minister advised the Panel on these matters.</p> <p>The Panel was further advised of the funding pressures on the Department of Home Affairs identified by the Minister for the 2009 Annual Business Plan. It was noted that the Council of Ministers had requested that Scrutiny Panels be asked to comment on funding pressures and it was therefore agreed that the Panel would provide the Minister with comments by the end of February 2008.</p>	<b>Panel</b>
	<p><b>2. Meeting with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture</b> The Panel received Senator M.E. Vibert, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, accompanied by Mr. M. Lundy, Director – Education, Sport and Culture, and Mr. D. Greenwood, Assistant Director – Culture and Lifelong Learning.</p>	

	<p>The Panel was advised by the Minister of his priorities for 2008. Consideration was given to the work that the Panel could potentially undertake on these areas. It was recalled that the Panel had advised the Minister on 14th January 2008 of questions regarding the 2008 Education, Sport and Culture Departmental Business Plan that the Panel had identified. The Minister advised the Panel on these matters.</p> <p>The Panel advised the Minister of its understanding that the Council of Ministers had requested that Scrutiny Panels be asked to comment on ministerial funding pressures for the 2009 Annual Business Plan. It was agreed that the Panel would receive documentation detailing the Minister's funding pressures.</p>	<b>ESC</b>
	<p><b>3. Future Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a revised schedule of meeting dates for 2008 that had been developed on the understanding that Connétable G.F. Butcher, if appointed to the Panel, would be unable to meet the previously agreed schedule. The revised schedule was agreed. The Officers were requested to forward the schedule to the Connétable and ask whether he would be able to attend on the dates identified. It was noted that were he unable to make a majority of the new dates, it might not be feasible to proceed with seeking his appointment to the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to meet at 9:30am on 31st January 2008. It was noted that the Chairman would meet the Officers at 10:00am on 28th January 2008 to consider her thoughts on the Work Programme consequent to the meetings with the two Ministers.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman  
Education & Home Affairs Panel