

Public Accounts Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: 20th April 2015

Present	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy J.A. Martin Mr. G. Drinkwater Mr. R.J. Parker
Apologies	Mr. M.J. Robinson
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General Mr. I. Clarkson, Committee Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The records of the meetings held on 12th February, 26th February and 16th March 2015 were approved and signed.</p>	
	<p>2. Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>No new conflicts of interest were declared.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the President of the Chairmen's Committee had reportedly raised with the Chief Minister the matter of Deputy S.M. Wickenden's engagement with the e-government agenda and his assistance to Senator P.F.C. Ozouf in the latter's capacity as Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for the digital economy and innovation. In this regard, the Committee recalled Deputy Wickenden's related declaration of interest on 16th March 2015 and noted his provisional intention to withdraw from committee proceedings concerning the reform programme.</p> <p>The Committee instructed its officer to clarify the nature and status of the correspondence and to report back to the Chairman accordingly.</p>	Officer
<p>Item 3 16.03.15</p> <p>512.24</p>	<p>3. Andium Homes – Repairs and Maintenance</p> <p>The Committee considered a draft report. It resolved to make several amendments to the same in order to clarify its provisional conclusions regarding the planned implementation of new maintenance contracts and the implementation of a new line of business system. It further agreed a series of 4 provisional recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee instructed its officer to prepare a suitably revised draft for consideration.</p>	Officer
<p>Item 2 (QE Article 37(3))</p>	<p>4. Financial Management</p> <p>The Committee noted the Comptroller and Auditor General's report concerning financial management (R.38/2015 refers) and, further, that</p>	

<p>16.03.15</p>	<p>the Chairman had written to both the Chief Executive and the Treasurer of the States seeking a formal response to the recommendations by 1st May.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to consider the responses to R.38/2015 during the course of its next meeting.</p>	<p>Officer</p>
<p>Item 5 16.03.15 512.27</p>	<p>5. Public Sector Reform</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Chairman had written to the Chief Minister's Department seeking an update on the progress report given to the Council of Ministers on 26th March 2014, together with copies of Council of Ministers minutes concerning the status of the programme.</p> <p>It was reported that the Chief Minister's Department had not been in a position to supply the above information within 7 working days but had committed to supply the information by the end of April 2015.</p> <p>The Committee noted the position and instructed its officer to update the Chairman by 1st May 2015.</p>	<p>Officer</p>
<p>Item 4 16.03.15 512.25</p>	<p>6. Financial Directions</p> <p>The Committee, having confirmed its terms of reference for a follow-up review of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on Financial Directions (R.121/2014), resolved to hold public hearings on the afternoon of 18th May and to invite the following officers to attend as witnesses –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chief Executive, States of Jersey Treasurer of the States Chief Internal Auditor Director of Human Resources Director of Information Services</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the Chairman and the Officer should make the necessary arrangements.</p>	<p>Chair/ Officer</p>
	<p>7. Comptroller and Auditor General – Work Programme</p> <p>The Committee noted the following draft project specifications for reviews to be conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Community and Social Services (b) Internal Audit (follow-up) (c) Utilisation of Compromise Agreements (follow-up) (d) Procurement (follow-up) (e) Management Information - Operating Theatres (follow-up).</p> <p>The Committee further noted the status of the audit plan of the Comptroller and Auditor General as at April 2015.</p>	

Signed

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