

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

4th March 2015

Present	Connétable J.E. Le Maistre, Chairman Deputy S.M. Brée, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock Deputy D. Johnson
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Orbell, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of meetings</p> <p>The Minutes of meetings held on 26th January and 18th February 2015 were approved and signed.</p>	MO
<p>Item 4 01.12.14 515/1/1(4)</p>	<p>2. MONEYVAL legislation</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Director and an officer of the Financial Services Unit and H.M. Solicitor General for a briefing on draft legislation lodged by the Minister for External Relations and the Chief Minister for debate on 10th March 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.16/2015: Draft Terrorist Asset-Freezing (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201- • P.21/2015: Draft Foundations (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201- • P.22/2015: Draft Proceeds of Crime (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201- • P.23/2015: Draft Terrorism (Amendment No.4) (Jersey) Law 201- <p>It was explained that the draft legislation was generally of a minor nature involving the improvement of definitions rather than material changes, in response to initial comments by the MONEYVAL assessors following their visit to the Island in January 2015.</p>	
<p>Item 1 18.02.15 515/31</p>	<p>3. Ports of Jersey Incorporation</p> <p>The Panel received an oral update on progress with the search for advisers, and discussed a completed proposal circulated the previous day. It was noted that this appeared to be of good quality and appropriate to the task. The Panel agreed that the choice would be made between this and two other candidates already in contact with the Scrutiny Office; the decision to be made by electronic meeting on 6th March 2015, by which time the remaining submissions were expected.</p> <p>Members discussed public hearings and agreed possible dates for the</p>	MO

	first sessions. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to follow up arrangements for a hearing with trade unions representing staff to be transferred to the incorporated body. Letters had also been sent to clubs and associations potentially affected by the incorporation, requesting responses by 17th March 2015.	MO MO
Item 4 19.11.14 510/1(3)	4. London visits The Panel discussed recent visits to Westminster to witness Select Committees and the London Assembly in action and meet with Members and officers engaged in scrutiny there. It was agreed that the visits had been highly informative, and members felt they had learned from the public hearings attended. In particular it was suggested that Scrutiny room layouts in the States Building could benefit from changes to encourage a more formal, judicial atmosphere instead of the present 'round table' arrangements, to better reflect the purpose of Scrutiny hearings. This would assist in focusing questioning on Ministers or other key witnesses, rather than extra officers or other parties whose presence at the table was not always necessary. The Panel also considered ways in which greater public attendance at Scrutiny hearings could be encouraged; it was noted that advance publicity and the use of social media could assist with this, but the topics to be discussed tended to dictate the level of public and media interest.	MO
	4. Forthcoming meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next scheduled meeting: 9.30am on 18th March 2015, Blampied Room, States Building 	MO