

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 11th January 2010

Meeting 43

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

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p><b>1. Records of Previous Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting of 14th December 2009, subject to agreed minor revisions.</p>	
14/12/09, Item 1 515/1(24)	<p><b>2. Work Programme</b></p> <p>As part of the consideration of its 2010 Work Programme, the Panel discussed prioritisation of its potential Reviews, and subsequently agreed that its Work Programme should be drafted accordingly ahead of its next meeting.</p>	TO/DS
14/12/09, Item 3 515/16(8)	<p><b>3. Bag Limits</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would seek to complete its Bag Limits Review by the end of January 2010. The Panel recalled that the Chairman was re-drafting the report and was advised by him that he would forward the re-drafted report to the Panel on Thursday 14th January, along with the additional evidence that he had identified.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that a representative of the Jersey Recreational Fishing Association had contacted the Scrutiny Office and had indicated that it was considering making a further submission to the Panel's Review.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would write to the Assistant Minister for Economic Development with responsibility for this area to ask him to confirm the reasons for his decision to withdraw P58/2009 on 13th July 2009.</p>	MH  TO/DS
14/12/09, Item 2 515/15(8)	<p><b>4. Tourism PPP</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would aim to complete its Tourism PPP Review by the end of March, and noted that the Minister for</p>	

	<p>Economic Development intended to lodge PPP proposals by the second Quarter.</p> <p>The Panel noted the next steps briefing paper and agreed that Members would read through the Tourism PPP review files ahead of re-consideration of the next steps for the Review at its subsequent meeting.</p> <p>The Panel also agreed that it would request from the Department of Economic Development a list of attendees of the Tourism conference that had been 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. It would also request the awaited Version 7 of the proposals at the earliest opportunity. Once the Panel had received this Version it agreed that it would contact the Jersey Hospitality Association to update it as to the progress of the Review.</p>	<p><b>Panel</b></p> <p><b>TO/DS</b></p> <p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
<p><b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/3(5)</b></p>	<p><b>5. Intellectual Property</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the response that it had received to its request for background documents from the Economic Development Department. It agreed that it would raise the topic with the Minister at the Quarterly Update meeting scheduled for 25th January and subsequently agree its next steps.</p>	
<p><b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/1(23)</b></p>	<p><b>6. Rural Economy Strategy</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that it had not yet received any positive responses to its invitation for submissions of interest from eligible Members to take part on the agreed Rural Economy Strategy Sub-Panel. The Vice-Chairman informed the Panel that she had spoken to Deputy G.P. Southern and Deputy M. Tadier, who had expressed interest in joining the Sub-Panel. It was agreed that they would be invited to attend a meeting of the Sub-Panel at the earliest opportunity, in order that the Sub-Panel could begin its scoping and background work.</p> <p>It was noted that the majority of the Sub-Panel's work was likely to take place between April and June, the consultation phase of the Rural Economy Strategy draft White Paper.</p>	<p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
<p><b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/3(6)</b></p>	<p><b>7. Airport and Harbours</b></p> <p>The Panel recalled its previous decision that the Chairman would seek the advice of the Greffier of the States about a possible conflict of interest. The Chairman confirmed that he would undertake to speak to the Greffier.</p> <p>As initial background to the Sub-Panel Review the Chairman asked that the Department for Economic Development be requested to forward the last five years' Annual Reports for both the Harbour and the Airport. Additionally the request should include all recent internal briefings and reports from each service to the Minister and/or Chief Officer. The Panel considered the scale of a possible Review covering Airport and Harbours simultaneously and agreed that they would be taken separately, with priority in relation to the Work Programme timetable given to Harbours.</p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Officer that at this stage, and in line with the Code of Practice, it would be advisable for the Sub-Panel to meet to agree its scoping and Terms of Reference and to agree the</p>	<p><b>MH</b></p> <p><b>TO/DS</b></p>

	gathering of its substantive background information.	
<b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/3(8)</b>	<p><b>8. Youth Unemployment/Highlands College/Skills and Training</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he had not as yet been able to speak to the relevant Chairmen to seek a meeting regarding a suitable way forward. The Panel agreed that Deputy J.M. Maçon would take on responsibility to progress the matter in view of his likely role on a future Sub-Panel Review in this area.</p> <p>The Panel requested the Officers to forward to Deputy J.M. Maçon and Deputy S. Pitman the transcripts of hearings held on 15th December 2009, as part of the Corporate Services Panel's Economic Stimulus Package Review.</p>	<p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
<b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/1(25)</b>	<p><b>9. Jersey Enterprise</b></p> <p>The Panel was advised that an invitation had been extended to interested Panel Members to undertake a visit of Jersey Enterprise. It was agreed that the Panel would seek to take up the offer and requested the Officers to begin undertaking the necessary arrangements for a visit to take place after 25th January.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to request background information on Jersey Enterprise, to assist preparation of questions for the forthcoming Quarterly Update meeting and the future scoping of its planned Review in the second half of the year.</p>	<p><b>TO/DS</b></p> <p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
<b>14/12/09, Item 1 515/13(8)</b>	<p><b>10. Jersey Finance</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that a letter was being drafted with its questions for the Minister for Economic Development relating to follow up work that it had undertaken on the previous Panel's review.</p>	<p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
<b>14/12/09, Item 4 515/17(8)</b>	<p><b>11. Depositor Compensation Scheme</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would include provision for follow up work to its Review and report <i>SR10/2009</i> as part of its 2010 Work Programme.</p>	<p><b>TO/DS</b></p>
	<p><b>12. Forthcoming Propositions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the following propositions had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i> since 11th November 2009:</p> <p>P212/2009: Draft Jersey Mutual Insurance Society, Incorporated (Alteration of Rules) (No. 6) (Jersey) Law 200-. Economic Development - 24 December 2009 Date of debate - 23/02/2010</p> <p>P210/2009: Draft Foundations (Additional Annual Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Economic Development - 08 December 2009 Date of debate - 19/01/2010</p> <p>P2007/2009: Draft Banking (Depositors Compensation) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Economic Development - 08 December 2009 Date of debate - 02 February 2010</p>	

	P190/2009: Draft Supply of Goods and Services (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Economic Development -11 November 2009 Date of debate - 19 January 2010	
	<p><b>13. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions that had been made by the Minister for Economic Development between 10th September and 5th January 2010. In view of the large number of Decisions the Panel agreed that the Chairman would consider those relating to the Airport and Harbour, the Vice-Chairman those relating to agriculture and Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley those relating to tourism. Any concerns about the Decisions would be raised with the Panel.</p>	
	<p><b>14. Chairmen's Committee</b></p> <p>The Panel considered its Annual report for 2009 which it approved subject to agreed minor amendments. The Chairman was advised that there was scope for a Chairman's Foreword to be added, which it was agreed he would complete and send to the Officers by Friday 15th January if one was to be included.</p> <p>The Panel considered the Agenda for the forthcoming Scrutiny Away Morning, and agreed that it appeared to be ambitious with regard to the timetable for discussion areas. The Chairman advised the Panel that the Agenda had been re-drafted at the request of the Chairmen's Committee in response to the initial draft.</p>	<p><b>TO/DS</b></p> <p><b>MH</b></p>
	<p><b>15. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet at 1.15pm on Wednesday 20th January in order to discuss its question plan for the hearing with the Minister for Economic Development on 25th January. Both meetings would take place in Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p> <p>The Panel agreed its scheduled meeting dates for 2010. It was noted that the Chairman would not be available to attend the meeting scheduled for 25th January and that the Vice-Chairman would not be available to attend those meetings scheduled for 8th February and 12th April.</p>	

Signed

*M.R. Higgins*

Date: *4 May 2010*

Chairman  
Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel