

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 26th January 2009

Meeting Number: 2

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérisssier, Chairman Deputy M. Tadier Deputy T. M. Pitman
Apologies	Connétable G. F. Butcher
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard and Miss S. Power, Scrutiny Officers

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Item 18b 02.01.09	<p>1. Meeting with the Minister for Home Affairs</p> <p>(a) The Panel discussed the question plan in preparation for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs.</p> <p>(b) The Panel welcomed Senator B.I. Le Marquand, the Minister for Home Affairs to the meeting, together with Deputy J.A. Hilton, the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs and Chief Officer, Mr Steven Austin-Vautier. The Panel commenced formal questioning of the Minister based on initial consideration of the Departmental Business Plan 2009 and the Strategic Initiatives Progress Report from June 2008.</p>	
Item 1 02.01.09	<p>2. Vice-Chairman Appointment</p> <p>The Panel appointed Deputy T. M. Pitman as its Vice-Chairman.</p>	
	<p>3. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Record of the meeting of 2nd January 2009 was approved and signed.</p>	
Item 9 02.01.09	<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on 2nd January 2009. Deputy Le Hérisssier advised the Panel that consideration of the case to re-examine a 'call in period' for Ministerial Decisions was to be included on the agenda for the joint meeting between the Chairmen's Committee and the Council of Ministers on 29th January 2009.</p>	
Item 8 02.01.09	<p>5. Panel Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel acknowledged receipt of a briefing paper on the development of a Work Programme for 2009, including potential review topics raised to date. Members agreed to defer further discussion and decisions on possible review topics to the Panel meeting scheduled for 11th February 2009.</p>	
Item 7 02.01.09	<p>6. Draft Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 200-</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of a briefing paper and Scrutiny Assessment</p>	

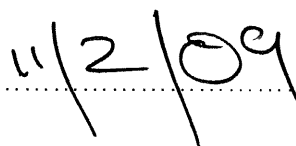
	Form on the Draft Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 200-. The Panel was advised by the Officers of the timescales by which they would be required to work, in order to review this Legislation. Members agreed to defer consideration of the briefing paper until the Panel meeting scheduled for 11 th February 2009	
Item 2 02.01.09	7. Customs and Immigration Review The Panel noted receipt of a letter dated 31 st December 2008, from Mr. M. Robinson, Head of Customs and Immigration Service, regarding the previous Education and Home Affairs Panel's Review.	
	8. Forthcoming Propositions The Panel noted an item of draft legislation within its remit lodged for debate by the States. The Panel asked for clarification of the Proposition P.6/2009 - Draft Summary Fines (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Jersey) Law 200- lodged by Comité des Connétables for debate on 24th February 2009. The Panel also requested Officers, in future, to provide a brief summary regarding each Proposition lodged for debate.	SP EL/SP
	9. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to the Panel's remit.	
	10. Questions to Ministers The Panel noted that the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and the Minister for Health and Social Services would be taking questions without notice at the States sitting of 3rd February 2009.	
Item 12 02.01.09	11. Conflicts of Interest Deputy Le Hérisier advised that he had withdrawn from the Board of Governors of Grainville School, although he would still be attending social functions. He also informed the Panel that he would declare an interest in any matters concerning Highlands College, should they arise.	
	12. Any Other Business a) The Panel agreed that it may wish to review the provision of secondary education on the Island, and therefore discussed the need for an organized visit to a sample Secondary School, such as Le Rocquier School. Members requested the Officers to draft a letter on behalf of the Chairman to the Head of Le Rocquier School to make arrangements for this. b) Deputy Tadier advised the Panel of the popularity of a Face Book group that had been set up to support the restoration of Fort Regent to its former glory. The Panel noted this subject as a key issue that should be covered at the Public Hearing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. The Officers advised that the issue of the future of Fort Regent was included in the Panel's question plan for this meeting. c) The Panel noted receipt of the Chairman's Committee briefing notes from a meeting held on 22 nd January 2009. d) The Panel noted receipt of a legacy report prepared by the previous Corporate Services Panel (Finance Sub-Panel). Members agreed to consider the content of this report, and feed all comments back at the	SP/EL

	<p>next Panel meeting scheduled for the 11th February 2009, following which any comments would then be taken to the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	
	<p>13. Future Meetings</p> <p>a) The Panel noted that a Public Meeting with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture had been arranged for 11am on Friday 6th February 2009 in Blampied Room, States Building.</p> <p>b) The Panel noted that the next Panel Meeting would be on Wednesday 11th February 2009 in Blampied Room, States Building at 9.30am.</p>	

Signed

Date:





Chairman

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