

Records of Meetings

2024

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

The constitution of the Panel changed in early 2024. Deputy Moz Scott was appointed to a ministerial role on 6th February 2024. The Panel folded and Deputy Montford Tadier was appointment to Chair of the Panel on 6th February 2024. Subsequently, the Panel was constituted on 27th February 2024.

Chair of the Panel to 6th February 2024

Signed

Chair

Deputy Moz Scott

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Chair of the Panel from 6th February 2024

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Chair

Deputy Montford Tadier

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Record of Meeting

Date: 12th January 2024

Present	Deputy Moz Scott, Chair Connétable Richard Honeycombe
In attendance	Item 3 only Deputy Alex Curtis, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development Mark Dames, Head of Digital Economy Team, Department for the Economy Kellie Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Ben Walker, Acting Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel noted and approved the records of its meetings held on the 16th, 17th, 20 th , 22nd, 24th and 27th November 2023 and the 4th, 7th, and 19th December 2023, subject to amendments.	BW
2. File Notes	
The Panel noted and approved confidential file notes of meetings on the 17th November 2023 and the 4th and 19th December 2023.	
3. Briefing on Digital Economy Strategy	
The Panel welcomed the Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and the Head of the Digital Economy Team to a meeting to discuss the Digital Economy Strategy (DES). A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).	
4. Correspondence	
The Panel noted and discussed correspondence dated 9th November 2023 from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development in respect of the Places of Refreshment Order. The Panel agreed areas of follow up and requested that the Officer draft questions for the Panel to consider and approve.	BW
The Panel noted and discussed correspondence dated 16th November 2023 from the Minister for the Environment in respect of the Marine Park. The Panel agreed areas of follow up and requested that the Officer draft questions for the Panel to consider and approve.	BW
The Panel noted and discussed correspondence dated 28th November 2023 from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development in respect of follow up to the Panel's Quarterly Public Hearing on 20th November 2023. The Panel agreed areas of follow up and requested that the Officer draft questions for the Panel to consider and approve.	BW

The Panel noted correspondence sent to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development on Tuesday 9th January 2024 concerning Arm's Length Organisations, and that the Panel had requested a response by Monday 22nd January 2024. The Panel agreed to follow up with additional areas of questioning following receipt of the response.	
5. Work Programme	
The Panel discussed its work programme for 2024 and noted that an advisor engagement brief was in the process of being updated in respect of its review of Supply Chain Resilience. The Panel noted Officer and Panel Member leave over January and February 2024 and agreed to defer further progress on the review until the week commencing 12th February 2024.	
6. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 11:30am on Monday 15th January 2024 via Microsoft Teams.	
The Panel noted and discussed a provisional 2024 meeting schedule and agreed that this would be updated and provided to the Panel for further consideration in due course.	BW

Date: 15th January 2024

Present	Deputy Moz Scott, Chair
	Connétable Richard Honeycombe
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer
	Ben Walker, Acting Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
Ministerial Delivery Plan Progress Reports	
The Panel noted and discussed the 2023 Ministerial Delivery Plan Progress Reports which had been provided to the Panel by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, Minister for External Relations, and Minister for International Development, together with Ministers' accompanying cover letters.	
The Panel raised various lines of questioning resulting from each of the Ministers' progress reports and it was agreed to include these as areas of questioning for the upcoming quarterly hearings and/or future correspondence to Ministers. The Officer was requested to collate all lines of questioning into a document to inform question plans for future hearings and correspondence.	BW
It was noted that, as the Financial Services remit sat under the responsibility of the Chief Minister, the progress update for this remit had been included in the Chief Minister's progress report provided to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel. The Officer was requested to extract the relevant items for the Financial Services remit from the Chief Minister's progress report and circulate these for further discussion at a future meeting.	BW
2. Correspondence	
The Panel considered a response from the Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development in relation to its letter dated 20 th December 2023 regarding an article in the Jersey Evening Post relating to performance sport. It was agreed that no further action was required.	
3. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted and agreed that its next meeting was scheduled for 2 nd February 2024. It was noted that the Panel's full meeting schedule for the remainder of 2024 would be agreed at a later date and that the Officer would follow up regarding Connétable Honeycombe's availability for the suggested dates.	BW
4. Any Other Business	
Ministerial Code of Conduct	
The Panel noted and discussed comments made by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development ('Minister') in the States Assembly during its debate of P.72/2023 Amd.28 on 13 th December 2023. The Panel raised concern that comments made by the Minister had misrepresented the Panel's position regarding the economy, and questioned whether these constituted a breach of the Ministerial Code	

of Conduct and Practice. The Chair agreed to share with the Panel a record of the comments made. The Officer was requested to provide options for the Panel to consider, including the possibility of making a complaint to the Commissioner for Standards.	MS NH
Panel Membership	
The Panel discussed and agreed that, subject to the outcome of the Vote of No Confidence [P.1/2024] scheduled for later that week, the Chair would consider potential Members to invite onto the Panel.	

Date: 2nd February 2024

Present	Deputy Moz Scott, Chair
	Connétable Richard Honeycombe
In attendance	Ben Walker, Acting Committee and Panel Officer
	Alex Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 12th and 15th January 2024, subject to a number of minor amendments.	BW
2. File Notes	
The Panel noted and approved the file note of the meeting on 12th January 2024 in relation to the Digital Economy Strategy.	
3. Legislative Programme	
The Panel noted and approved draft letters to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services regarding the forthcoming legislative programme and areas of policy for 2024. The Panel requested that the Officer include a similar letter to the Minister for International Development.	BW
4. Correspondence	
The Panel noted and discussed correspondence received from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development ('Minister') in relation to Arm's Length Organisations dated 22nd January 2024, which confirmed a fuller response would be provided to the Panel if the Minister was reappointed.	
The Panel asked that the Officer draft correspondence following up on the Minister's response and requested a number of additional areas of questioning.	BW
5. Any Other Business	
The Panel recalled correspondence sent by the Officer on 22nd January 2024 in relation to question areas for the Panel to follow-up on. The Panel agreed to retain these areas of questioning for future Quarterly Hearings.	
The Panel noted the States Assembly debate in the week commencing 5th February 2024, would include the appointment of Panel Chairs. The Panel requested that the Officer confirm the impact of changes to Panel Chairs and Membership of the Panel.	BW
The Panel recalled that it had asked the Officer to investigate options regarding comments made by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development ('Minister') in the States Assembly during its debate of P.72/2023 Amd.28 on 13th December 2023. The Chair reported to the Panel that, in a private conversation between her and the newly elected Chief Minister, the Chief Minister had informed her he had had	

a private conversation with the Minister regarding matters of conduct. The Panel agreed not to pursue the matter further.	
6. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place at 11:30am on Friday 16th February 2024.	

Date: 29th February 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair Deputy Geoff Southern Deputy Max Andrews Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Nateri Wilson
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Appointment of Vice Chair	
The Panel appointed Deputy Geoff Southern as the Vice Chair and noted that he would deputise for the Chair in the event of temporary absence or incapacity or if there was a vacancy in the office of the Chair.	
2. Day and time of Panel meetings	
The Panel agreed that it would hold its regular Panel meetings on Thursday at 10am outside States business weeks.	
The Panel requested that a meeting schedule be recirculated and agreed that any anticipated unavailability would be forwarded to the Officer.	PL
3. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel noted potential days and times for Quarterly Hearings with relevant Ministers and agreed that the Officer would schedule these as appropriate.	PL
4. Procedural and administrative matters	
The Panel agreed that it would examine witnesses in public, except where it otherwise ordered, in line with Standing Orders S.O. 138 (6) and noted the arrangements for briefing oral witnesses and the approach to managing written evidence (CoP, para 72 and CoP, para 74)	
The Panel also noted that it would not consider individual matters as areas for review in line with the Code of Practice for Scrutiny proceedings (CoP, para 46).	
The Panel noted the officer resource available to support its work and discussed the running of Public Hearings and the production of reviews.	
5. Declaration of interests	
The Panel noted the declarations and conflicts of interest section of the Scrutiny and Public Accounts Committee Proceedings: Code of Practice.	
The Panel Chair, Deputy Montfort Tadier, identified that, as openly declared upon the <u>States Assembly website</u> , he acted as a tour guide and member of the Jersey Tour Guide Association which included both paid and unpaid work, further highlighting that the Jersey Tour Guide Association was a member of the Jersey Hospitality Association. The Panel Chair declared that his partner held a position	

related to higher education in Jersey, that could fall within the Panel's remit when considering education's impact upon the future economy.

Deputy Karen Wilson identified that, as declared on the States Assembly website, her partner was a consultant in the Health and Community Services Department and that she had held the position of Minister for Health and Social Services which included some areas that could fall within the Panel's consideration.

Deputy Max Andrews identified that he had held a previous position within the Department for Sport.

Deputy Geoff Southern identified that his partner was a member of the Jersey Tribunal Service.

The Panel agreed that members would declare any interests as topics arose and noted that the matter would be raised as part of the scoping exercise for any future reviews.

6. Working Practices

The Panel agreed that documents would be forwarded to it via Microsoft Teams in the first instance. The Panel requested that updates as to upcoming actions also be regularly distributed.

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The Panel noted the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels.

The Panel agreed that, where possible, Public Hearings and meetings would be conducted in person, however provision for joining electronically would be made.

7. Scrutiny Member training

The Panel noted that external training would be provided on relevant areas, including media training and conducting effective scrutiny, however dates were yet to be confirmed. The Panel agreed that the provision of further training in the following areas be explored:

- Governance and Risk
- Microsoft Teams

Wellbeing at work

Speed reading and information analysis

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The Panel agreed that further training would be identified as the need arose.

8. Work programme

The Panel noted a briefing document identifying the position of the Panel's work and anticipated policy and legislative developments within its remit.

The Panel agreed that its main work focus would be on the strategic priorities and actions of relevant ministers, particularly for the Island's future economy.

The Panel discussed the Supply Chain Resilience Review and requested that a briefing document be formed outlining the background and position of the review.

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The Panel agreed that it would request briefings on the following topics:

- Telecoms Security Framework
- Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations
- Heritage (Jersey) Law 202-
- Intellectual Property

Depositors Compensation Scheme	
Proceeds of Crime Law	
MoneyVAL	
The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given to the briefing document and further topics of interest would be discussed in future meetings.	PL
9. Stakeholder visits	
The Panel agreed that it would discuss potential site visits and hosting stakeholder	PL
meetings in due course.	
10. Future Meetings	
It was agreed that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 12pm on	
Thursday 7th March 2024 in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.	

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th March 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
	Deputy Karen Wilson
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Item 2 only Deputy Ian Gorst, Minster for External Relations Richard Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy
	Item 4 only Mick Fews, Telecoms Security and Digital Connectivity Lead, Department for the Economy Hélène Chesnay, Project Manager, Department of the Economy

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on the 29th February 2024.	
2. Jersey Financial Services Commission	
The Panel welcomed the Minister for External Relations (the Minster) and Chief Officer of the Department for the Economy who briefed it on a data breach incident relating to the Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC).	
The Panel was informed that on the 23rd January 2023 the JFSC had been made aware that a software vulnerability in their registry system had led to the data breach of the names and addresses of over 66,000 individuals, it was highlighted to the Panel that this figure may include duplicate data. The Panel was informed that the vulnerability had been present since the introduction of the registry software in 2021. The Panel was assured by the Minister that the JFSC had taken the necessary steps to rectify the vulnerability. This had included an immediate fix within the first hour of the issue being identified, and a subsequent permanent software fix issued by the third-party software provider.	
The Panel was informed that the JFSC was corresponding with the Jersey Office of the Information Commissioner and that, on advice received, had written to roughly 2,500 individuals determined to be at high risk. It was outlined to the Panel that the data breached did not include identification of the relationship individuals held with the registered companies.	
The Panel was advised that both the Minister and the JFSC were undertaking investigations to identify the reasoning behind the breach and implement any required actions.	

The Minister informed the Panel that, although JFSC would be leading the response to the incident, the Government of Jersey would be providing support including guidance and advice were required. The Minster indicated that he had been in contact with relevant jurisdictions and would be corresponding with media were necessary. PΙ The Panel agreed that it would carry out further questioning once investigations of the issue were complete. 3. Quarterly Hearings The Panel agreed question areas for the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled to take place at 1pm on Thursday 28th March 2024. These included upcoming legislation, the Visitor Economy Strategy and progress of other policy development. The Panel agreed that it would be useful to gain a greater understanding of the Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 2022 and requested the Officer PLto form a briefing paper on the topic. 4. Telecoms Security Framework The Panel received the officers from the Department for the Economy who briefed it on development of the Telecoms Security Framework. The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35. The Panel discussed the briefing and agreed that the topic would merit further scrutiny. The Panel agreed that the Officer should, in the first instance, request an updated copy of the draft Law and that, given the sensitive nature of the legislation,

5. Future Meetings

contacting relevant stakeholders.

It was noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 11am on Thursday 14th March 2024 in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.

it should be indicated to the Minster and his officers that the Panel was considering

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th March 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
	Deputy Geoff Southern
Apologies	Deputy Karen Wilson
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 7th February 2024.	AC
2. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft question plan for the upcoming Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development. The Panel considered the draft questions. The Panel agreed alterations and noted an updated electronic draft would be provided for further consideration.	
The Officer informed the Panel that the Minister could no longer attend the scheduled date of 28th March 2024 and so the Panel discussed how best to proceed. The Panel agreed to reschedule the hearing with the Minister to 11th April 2024 and to use the scheduled meeting time to request a briefing from Deputy Moz Scott, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, in relation to the Telecommunications Security Framework and the Cyber Defence Law. 3. Jersey Consumer Council	PL
The Panel noted and discussed the anticipated changes and updated draft to the constitution of the Jersey Consumer Council (JCC) provided as an appendix to the letter from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development received on 9th February 2024. The Panel raised concern around the proposed extension for the length of time that the Chairman of the JCC would be able to hold office, which had been extended from six to nine years.	
The Panel agreed to write to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development to seek clarity on the rationale for this change and what impact was envisaged. Further, the Panel discussed what mechanisms were in place for the public to engage with the JCC digitally, particularly in reporting issues and concerns. The Panel also agreed to ask the Minister where JCC received advice from when dealing with complex or specialist issues and what consultation had taken place with Trading Standards and Statistics Jersey to date, if any.	PL
4. OECD Pillar two taxation	
The Officer provided an update on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Pillar two taxation workstream to date, particularly noting that the previous panel had worked jointly with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (CSSP) as the workstream fell within both panels' remits.	

The Panel discussed its scrutiny approach and the potential wider impact of this work on the local economy in relation to taxation. The Panel agreed to liaise with the CSSP at Chair level with the indication that the Panel was happy to conduct a sub-panel that included members from the CSSP, given that the Financial Services portfolio fell within the Panel's remit.	MT
5. Telecommunications Security Framework	
The Panel discussed the Telecommunications Security Framework, following a briefing received on 7th March 2024. The Panel agreed that it would invite the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) to meet with the Panel to discuss the topic. The Panel also agreed that the Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic would be invited to attend in order to provide political views on the Framework.	PL
The Panel agreed that inviting views from further stakeholders would be given consideration in due course. 6. Acceptance of Cash by Retailers	
6. Acceptance of Cash by Retailers	
The Panel discussed its potential scrutiny approach in exploring the impact of the growing trend of retailers accepting digital payments. The Panel opined the Government's lack of clarity and policy around this issue and that there were safeguarding concerns around citizens who rely on cash and would potentially become increasingly vulnerable should acceptance of cash payment be diminished.	
The Panel considered how to explore the impact of a societal drive towards a cashless society and agreed that it would be helpful to understand the Government's position on this matter. The Panel discussed its interest in looking at the impact of the rise of digital transactions on business and consumers, as well as how Government planned to manage the transition. The Panel agreed to consider some preliminary questioning in this area and requested the Officer to begin working on a scoping document and Terms of Reference for a potential review.	PL
7. Removal of Value Added Tax	
The Panel considered potentially exploring how local retailers managed the removal of Value Added Tax (VAT) when importing goods from the United Kingdom. Due to the complexity in exploring and implementing such a review, the Panel agreed to consider this at a later date.	
8. Any Other Business	
The Panel noted the upcoming lodging of the Heritage (Jersey) Law 202- and discussed how it may be able to understand the potential impact of the legislation. The Panel recalled that a briefing on the topic was scheduled for 28th March 2024 and agreed to consider further in future, noting its ability to invite comments from stakeholders following lodging.	
The Panel discussed the current system in place around licensing and regulation, particularly in the hospitality industry, and how policy is designed and implemented in this area. The Panel agreed to consider this further at a later date.	
The Panel discussed the development of Jersey Opera House and agreed to request a site visit to receive an update on the project.	PL
The Panel agreed to schedule briefings with the Minister for External Relations in relation to Intellectual Property, Depositors Compensation Scheme, Proceeds of Crime Law and MONEYVAL. The Panel requested the Officer to liaise with the Minister's department to arrange a suitable time.	PL

The Panel noted a States Members' briefing was scheduled for the following week in relation to the proposed Offshore Wind Farm. The Officer advised the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure (EHI) Panel would potentially be presenting Comments for the debate. The Panel considered the potential for a joint briefing with EHI and considered the value of scrutinising the proposal prior to debate in the States Assembly. The Panel agreed to contact the EHI Panel to express its willingness to attend a joint briefing on the topic whilst communicating a desire to only undertake further scrutiny following the in-principle debate of <u>P.82/2023</u> Offshore Wind.

The Officer informed the Panel that training would be provided around the scrutiny process, which would be organised by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.

The Panel discussed the Government employment, revenue, and expenditure – international comparisons report by Statistics Jersey and agreed that should be circulated for further consideration.

9. Future Meetings

It was noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 10:30am on 28th March 2024 in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.

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Record of Meeting

Date: 27th March 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
In attendance	Deputy Hilary Jeune, Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
	Deputy Tom Coles, Member, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
	Deputy David Warr Member, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
	Connétable David Johnson Member, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
	Deputy Steve Luce, Minister for the Environment Francis Binney, Head of Marine Resources and Management Dr Samantha Blampied, Marine Data Officer Heather Ford, Private Secretary for the Minister for Environment
	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Briefing on the P.82/2032 Offshore Wind	
The Panel joined the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel for a briefing from the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) and Departmental officers on the proposition P.82/2032 Offshore Wind.	
The Panels were informed that the purpose of the debate on P.82/2023 was to gauge political appetite to further investigate and develop options for the development of an offshore wind farm. The Panels were advised by the Minister and Government officials that there would be opportunity for extensive scrutiny and consideration by the States Assembly at various key stages throughout the policy development process, in order that States Members could make informed decisions going forward.	
The Panels were informed that, should the proposition be adopted, next steps would include bringing forward a draft consenting law for States' debate, and that it was hoped that this could be brought forward prior to the end of 2024.	
A Government of Jersey consultation, the findings of which had been presented to the Assembly in March 2023 [R.47/2024], was discussed. The Panels were informed that there would be continued public engagement and that it was the intention for this to be a collaborative process with further opportunities for the public and stakeholders to express their views throughout the various stages of policy development regarding the potential offshore wind farm.	

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

Record of Meeting

Date: 28th March 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair Deputy Karen Wilson
In attendance	Deputy Max Andrews (apologies Items 8,9 and 10 and part of Item 7) Items 3, 4, 5 and part of Item 6 only Chris Kelleher, Strategic Policy Manager, Department for the Economy Paul Milbank, Sector Lead - Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sport, Department for the Economy
	Item 7 only Daniel Houseago, Group Director – Economy, Department for the Economy Mark Dames, Head of Digital Economy, Department for the Economy Elisabeth Blampied, Senior Policy Officer, Department for the Economy Stephanie Luce, Sector Officer, Strategic Policy, Cabinet Office Matt Palmer, Director, Cyber Emergency Response Team
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer (absent Items 7, 8, 9 and 10)

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 14th March 2024.	AC
2. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel discussed question topics for the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for International Development, scheduled to take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2024. The Panel agreed that potential topics included:	
 Any changes in Ministerial actions following the Vote of No Confidence Ministerial role Ministerial Delivery Plans Continuing actions from the Ministerial Plan 2024 to 2027 Community Work Projects International aid and assistance 	
The Panel discussed question topics for the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for External Relations scheduled to take place at 10.30am on Friday 26th April 2024. The Panel agreed that potential topics included:	
 Any changes in Ministerial actions following the Vote of No Confidence Ministerial role Upcoming legislation European Relations 	

- Trade agreements
- Island Identity

The Panel was informed that the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had requested that the Quarterly Hearing scheduled to take place at 12:30pm on Thursday 11th April 2024 be delayed by one hour to allow attendance at a prior meeting. The Panel agreed that, due to prior engagements and rescheduling of the Quarterly Hearing, that it was minded not to rearrange the timing and requested the Officer to inform the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development's secretary.

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3. Briefing on the Draft Heritage (Jersey) Law 202-

The Panel received a briefing on the Draft Heritage (Jersey) Law 202- (the Draft Heritage Law).

The Panel was advised that the Draft Heritage Law aimed to introduce legislation to protect the Jersey's heritage, in particular portable antiquities. The Panel was informed that this would include a duty to report archaeological objects found and establish assessment, acquisition and discretionary payment measures. The Panel was informed that key stakeholders had been contacted and that further consultation following law drafting was planned.

The Panel was advised that it was anticipated that the Draft Heritage Law would be lodged for debate within 2024.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

4. Briefing on the Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002

The Panel received a briefing on the Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002 (the Public Records Law).

The Panel was advised that an amendment to the Public Records Law was being formed to clarify the bodies and organisations which fell into scope of that legislation. The Panel was informed that a working group had been established and drop-in sessions were being organised with key stakeholders.

The Panel was advised that it was anticipated that amendments to the Public Records Law would be lodged prior to the 2024 summer recess.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

5. Briefing on the Jersey Opera House and Elizabeth Castle Officer Block Refurbishment

The Panel received a briefing on the Jersey Opera House and Elizabeth Castle Officer Block Refurbishment. A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Articles 33 and 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

6. Briefing on the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202-

The Panel received a briefing on the Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202- (the Draft Regulations).

The Panel was advised that, as identified in <u>correspondence</u> from the Minster for Sustainable Economic Development, the <u>Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey)</u> <u>Regulations</u> (the Regulations) governed the licencing of public events in Jersey and that the Department for the Economy was undertaking work which included the drafting and lodging of bespoke events licencing legislation. The Panel was reminded that consultation with key stakeholders was anticipated and that the formation of the any legislation would likely take the remainder of the political term to complete.

The Panel was informed that the Regulations were due to expire in July 2024 and, as such, the Draft Regulations were being produced to renew the Regulations for an additional three years and it was anticipated these would be lodged for a debate prior to the 2024 summer recess.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

The Panel thanked the Departmental officers, who withdrew from the meeting.

The Panel agreed that a letter would be sent to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development questioning the proposal to extend the Regulations by 3 years.

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7. Briefing on the Draft Cyber Security (Jersey) Law 202-

The Panel welcomed Departmental officers for a briefing on the Draft Cyber Security (Jersey) Law 202- (the Draft Cyber Security Law).

The Panel was informed that the Draft Cyber Security Law would establish an Office of the Commissioner (the Commissioner) for Cyber Security to enable the independence of the Jersey Cyber Security Centre (JCSC). Under the Draft Cyber Security Law the Commissioner would hold statutory powers and responsibilities relating to cyber security in the Island, this included the necessity for Operators of Essential Services to report any cyber security instances to the Commissioner.

The Panel was informed that the independence of the Commissioner from the Government of Jersey, Council of Minsters or States Assembly was vital in allowing adequate operation of that office, largely due to data sharing policy and the need for the ability to make any comments upon the operations of the Government of Jersey.

The Panel was reassured that the Commissioner would not be serving as a regulatory body for cyber security, however the JCSC would offer guidance and support where necessary and that powers inferred by the Draft Law would be used only where necessary to gather sufficient information on cyber threats.

The Panel was informed that Technical Advisory Councils (TAC) would be established to support the Commissioner with specialist advice as well as input on the work of JCSC and that a primary TAC would be established to aid in governance of the Commissioner.

The Panel was advised that it was anticipated that the Draft Cyber Security Law would be lodged prior to the 2024 summer recess.

The Panel was offered a visit to the JCSC and it agreed that this may be useful.

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A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

8. Supply Chain Resilience Review.		
The Panel received a briefing paper and information analysis document as part of the Supply Chain Resilience Review (the Review). The Panel agreed that, upon consideration, it would not be undertaking any more evidence gathering and requested that the Officer form a Heads of Report, with a view to publish a summary report of the work undertaken as part of the Review.		
9. Offshore Wind Farm		
The Panel discussed P.82/2023 (offshore windfarm), having received a briefing on the proposition on 27th March 2024. The Panel agreed that is would be useful to form a Comments Paper to aid in the debate of P.82/2023. Cognisant that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel was anticipated to produce a Comments Paper, the Panel agreed that its own would focus on elements within its remit, notably: • The prioritisation of sustainability, energy security or economic benefit • Use of public resources for economic gain • Portrayal of economic benefit within consultation • The need for further information to aid decision making • The need for future scrutiny of areas under the Panel's remit	PL	
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It was noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 11am on 4th April 2024 in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.		

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Record of Meeting

Date: 4th April 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Max Andrews
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
In attendance	Item 2 only
	Tim Ringsdore, Chief Executive Officer, Jersey Competition Regulatory
	Authority
	Sarah Price, Chief Operating Officer, Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority
	Rory Graham, General Counsil, Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel noted a draft question plan for the Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for International Development scheduled to take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2024. The Panel agreed that further consideration of the question plan would be given at a future meeting.	
2. Meeting with Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority	
The Panel welcomed representatives of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority for a meeting to discuss the Telecoms Security Framework.	
A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).	
3. Any Other Business	
The Panel was informed that the Digital Economy Strategy was due to be published shortly and an offer of a briefing had been forwarded by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development. The Panel agreed that this would be useful and requested the Officer to make necessary arrangements.	PL
The Panel Chair informed the Panel that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee had agreed to reform the Future Hospital Review Panel and invited members to consider if they would be willing to serve upon that Review Panel.	
4. Future Meetings	
It was noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 1.30pm on 10th April 2024 in the Blampied Room, States Building.	

Record of Meeting

Date: 10th April 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Max Andrews
In attendance	Items 1 only
	Helen De La Cour, Associate Director of Financial Crime, Department for the Economy
	Thomas Wright, Associate Director of Financial Services, Department for the Economy
	Lukas Ament, Head of Competition and Intellectual Property, Department of the Economy
	Phil Roberts, External Relations Policy Officer, External Relations
	Item 2 only Mark Dames, Head of Digital Economy, Department for the Economy Jonathan Healey, Policy Principal, Department for the Economy
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer (absent Item 3)

Agenda matter	Action
Briefing on the Intellectual Property Framework and Transfer of the Depositors Compensation Scheme to the Jersey Resolution Authority	
The Panel welcomed Departmental Officers who provided a briefing on the Intellectual Property Framework and Transfer of the Depositors Compensation Scheme to the Jersey Resolution Authority.	
The Panel was informed that modernisation of Jersey's Intellectual Property Framework was underway, which would include some legislative changes. The Panel was informed that this was required to meet criteria for compliance with many Free Trade Agreements, and would also improve Jerseys current system.	
An explanation of different areas of intellectual property was given to the Panel, outlining four main areas: 1. Trademarks 2. Patents 3. Designs	

The Panel was informed that a <u>consultation</u> regarding the proposed introduction of a system of Primary Trade Mark Registration had been carried out in December 2023, having closed in January 2024, and that it was anticipated that a response paper

4. Unregistered Rights

would be published shortly.

The Panel was then given an outline of the role of the Jersey Bank Deposit Compensation Scheme (DCS), responsibilities of the Jersey Bank Depositors Compensation Board (DCS Board) and the Jersey Resolution Authority (JRA).

The Panel was informed that it was anticipated that the DCS and the functions of the DCS Board would be transferred to the JRA, and that there would be proposals to update Amend Article 72 of the Bank (Recovery and Resolution) (Jersey) Law 2017 (the Resolution Law) to reflect its intended scope as well as make amendment to allow for more practical application of that Law. The Panel was advised that a consultation had recently closed and that necessary update to legislation could be expected to be lodged imminently to enable the transfer of functions by 1st January 2025.

The Panel thanked the Departmental Officers for their attendance, who then withdrew from the meeting.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

2. Briefing on the Digital Economy Strategy

The Panel welcomed Departmental Officers who provided a briefing on the Digital Economy Strategy (the Strategy).

The Panel was informed that the Government of Jersey was committed to achieving its long-term economic vision for Jersey to be a consistently high performing, environmentally sustainable and technologically advanced small island economy by 2040. The Panel was advised that the Strategy, which was due to be published shortly, would identify policy inline with the Future Economy Programme and the Strategy for Sustainable Economic Development.

The Panel was advised that consultation with key stakeholders had been undertaken, and that a public <u>consultation</u> had been carried out in 2023, which had helped to inform the Strategy.

The Panel was informed that the Strategy would identify a number of short, medium and long term actions and goals which would cover elements including:

- Developing Islander's digital skills and confidence
- Making the most of Jersey's data assets
- Ensure businesses were supported to be digitally enabled
- Make Jersey an attractive place to start and scale-up businesses
- Provide support for digital businesses
- Proportionally future proof regulations

The Panel thanked the Departmental Officers for their attendance, who then withdrew from the meeting.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).

3. Offshore Wind Farm

The Panel discussed <u>P.82/2023</u> (Offshore Windfarm), having agreed that a Comments Paper should be drafted at its meeting of 28th March 2024. The Panel noted that an initial draft had been circulated and agreed that any points for alteration

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would be forwarded to the Officer who would produce an updated draft for consideration at the Panel's meeting on 11th April 2024.

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th April 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair	
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair	
	Deputy Karen Wilson	
	Deputy Max Andrews	
In attendance Items 3 only		
	Deputy Kirsten Morel, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development	
	Connétable Any Jehan, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic	
	Development	
	Deputy Moz Scott, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic	
	Development	
	Richard Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy	
	Daniel Houseago, Group Director – Economy, Department for the Economy	
	Thomas Holvey, Chief Economic Adviser, Department for the Economy	
	Mark Dames, Head of Digital Economy, Department for the Economy	
	Charlotte Curry, Communications Officer, States Greffe	
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer	
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer	

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the record of its meetings held on 27th and 28th March and 4th	AC
April 2024.	
2. Offshore Wind Farm	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft Comments Paper regarding P.82/2023 (Offshore Windfarm). Having considered alterations to the paper, the Panel approved the final draft and requested that this be forwarded for presentation to the Assembly.	PL
3. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft question plan for the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development, scheduled to take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th April 2024. The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given to the question plan electronically prior to the Quarterly Public Hearing.	PL
The Panel discussed its question plan for the upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, due to take place that day. The Panel divided up question plan areas and agreed the plan as drafted.	
4. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development	
The Panel welcomed the Minister and Assistant Ministers for Sustainable Economic Development, and Officers, to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	

5. Post Hearing Discussion The Panel discussed the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and agreed that social media posts would be published

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The Panel agreed that a letter would be drafted to cover questions that had been unable to be asked due to time constraints.

outlining discussion of the Island Games, Investment in hotels, alcohol testing of

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The Panel agreed that briefings should be established to discuss the agricultural sector and the Future Economy Programme.

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6. Briefing on Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Pillar Workstreams

recreation watercraft users and agricultural loans.

The Panel was informed that a briefing on Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Pillar Workstreams was being established by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel to take place at 1pm on Friday 3rd May 2024 and that the Panel had been invited to attend.

Record of Meeting

Date: 25th April 2024

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Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair (apologies Items 1, 2 and 3, and part of
	Item 4)
	Deputy Karen Wilson (apologies Items 1 and 2)
	Deputy Max Andrews
In attendance	Item 4 only
in attendance	Deputy Helen Miles, Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
	Connétable David Johnson, Member, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
	Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Member, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
	Cora O'Brien, Deputy Comptroller of Revenue, Treasury and Exchequer
	Jeremiah Coder, Senior Specialist Officer, Treasury and Exchequer
	Joe Pennell, External Relations Officer, Chief Ministers Department
	Item 5 only
	George Pearmain, Director of Financial Crime, Department for the
	Economy
	Ian McDonald, Associate Director Financial Crime Strategy, Department for
	the Economy
	Alex Rowse, Associate Director Financial Crime Strategy, Department for
	the Economy
	Item 7 only
	Deputy Carolyn Labey, Minister for International Development
	Gillian Challinor, Senior Programme Officer, Jersey Overseas Aid Commission
	Freya Roberts, Private Secretary to the Minister for External Relations
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

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The Panel noted, discussed and approved the Heads of Report drafted for its consideration as part of the Supply Chain Resilience Review and requested the Officer to commence the report drafting process. 4. Briefing on Organisation for Economic Co-operation and **Development (OECD) Pillar Workstreams** The Panel welcomed the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel and Departmental Officers for a briefing on OECD Pillar Workstreams. A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended). 5. Briefing on MoneyVAL Assessment The Panel welcomed Departmental Officers who briefed it on the MoneyVAL Assessment. A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Articles 29, 35 and 41 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended). 6. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans The Panel discussed its question plan for the upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development, due to take place that day. The Panel divided up question plan areas and agreed the plan as drafted. 7. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development The Panel welcomed the Minister for International Development and Officer of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced. 8. Post Hearing Discussion The Panel discussed the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development and agreed that social media posts would be published outlining PΙ discussion of the dairy programmes, volunteering opportunities, and Ukraine aid. 9. Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202-The Panel was informed that a response letter had been received from the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development indicating that he found 3 years an appropriate extension to the Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations. given the necessary development of both primary and secondary legislation, and that the Minister would have concerns regarding a shortening of the extension to 3 months. The Panel recalled that a Ministerial Decision to lodge the draft Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202- had been made and circulated on the 24th April 2024. The Panel agreed that further consideration of potential actions was required. 10. Future meetings

It was noted that the Panel's next scheduled meeting would take place at 10am on

26th April 2024 in the States Building, Le Capelain Room.

Record of Meeting

Date: 26th April 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair (apologies Item 5)
	Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Max Andrews
In attendance	Item 2 only
	Deputy Ian Gorst, Minister for External Relations
	Deputy Carolyn Labey, Assistant Minister for External Relations
	Deputy Elaine Millar, Assistant Minister for External Relations
	Kate Nutt, Chief Officer, External Relations (via Teams)
	George Pearmain, Director of Financial Crime Strategy, Department for the
	Economy
	Thomas Wright, Associate Director, Financial Services, Department for the
	Economy
	Freddrick Holmes, Principal External Relations Officer, External Relations
	Lukas Ament, Head of Competition & Intellectual Property, Department for
	the Economy
	Henry Buckley, Private Secretary to the Minister for External Relations
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer
	Charlotte Curry, Communications Officer, States Greffe (Items 2 and 3 only)

Agenda matter	Action
1. Quarterly Hearing Question Plans	
The Panel discussed its question plan for the upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for External Relations, due to take place that day. The Panel divided up question plan areas and agreed the plan as amended.	
2. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for External Relations	
The Panel welcomed the Minister for External Relations, Assistant Ministers for External Relations and Officers to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	
3. Post Hearing Discussion	
The Panel discussed the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for External Relations and agreed that social media posts would be published outlining discussion of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024, provision of credit cards, Jersey Financial Services Commission Data Breach and diaspora project.	PL
4. Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202-	
The Panel recalled that lodging of the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainment (Jersey) Regulations 202- was anticipated imminently. Upon consideration, the Panel agreed that it would be minded to lodge an amendment to any proposition to reduce the	

extension of the regulations to require further action by the end of the term of the Council of Ministers in 2026. The Panel agreed that the Chair would discuss this with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development pending the lodging of any legislation or progression of an amendment.	MT
5. Any Other Business	
The Panel discussed the Island's economy and impact of Artificial Intelligence. The Panel recalled that a briefing on the Future Economy Programme had been scheduled to take place on the 20th June 2024 and agreed that it would be useful to also meet with representatives of Digital Jersey.	PL

Record of Meeting

Date: 16th May 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair (apologies Items 1 and 2)
	Deputy Karen Wilson
	Deputy Max Andrews (apologies Items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10)
In attendance	Item 9 only
	Kate Faragher, Managing Director, Bespoke Skills
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 25th and 26th April 2024.	AC
2. Work Programme	
The Panel noted and discussed its work programme. The Panel recalled that legislation regarding the Telecoms Security Framework and the Government Plan 2025-28 were anticipated to be lodged and agreed that further consideration would be given to these topics.	
The Panel further agreed that scrutiny of the MoneyVAL Assessment would be required and agreed that a briefing should be scheduled to receive information on the results and impact of any recommendations.	PL
3. Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel noted and discussed draft Terms of Reference, Scoping Document and Public Engagement Plan for the Acceptance of Cash Payment Review (the Review).	
Deputy Karen Wilson identified that she, whilst serving as Minister for Health and Social Services, had provided strategic direction to the Patient and Public Engagement Panel at Health Community Services that Mr Carl Walker had been a member of and highlighted that, as Chair of the Jersey Consumer Council, Mr Walker may be invited to give evidence to the Review. The Panel agreed that this did not constitute a Conflict of Interest.	PL
Upon consideration the Panel agreed the draft documents following alteration and requested the Officer forward these to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for approval prior to the launch of the Review.	PL
4. Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024	
The Panel noted and discussed the Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024 (P.15/2024). The Panel agreed that additional background information on previous distribution of Lottery funds would be useful, and requested the Officer to make necessary enquiries.	PL

5. Common Strategic Policy	
The Panel noted and discussed the Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024). The Panel was informed that information gained through Quarterly Hearings held by the Panel had been amalgamated into comments being presented by the Common Strategic Policy Review Panel.	
6. Re-appointment of Jersey Consumer Council Chair	
The Panel noted and discussed the re-appointment of Jersey Consumer Council Chair (P.23/2024) and a draft Comments Paper on the Proposition. The Panel provisionally approved the draft Comments Paper and agreed that these should be presented the following morning if no further alterations were raised by the Panel electronically.	PL
7. Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202	
The Panel discussed the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202 (P.24/2024) (the Regulations). The Panel agreed that a letter should be sent to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development to enquire if, following further consideration, he would be minded to lodge or accept an amendment to reduce the extension of the Regulations from the proposed 20th July 2027 to before the 2026 purdah period. The Panel agreed that further consideration as to lodging its own amendment, calling in the Regulations or supporting the Regulations unamended would be given.	
8. OECD Two Pillar Tax Initiative	
The Panel discussed the OECD Two Pillar Tax Initiative, noting that a briefing from the Minister for Treasury and Resources and Minister for External Relations had been scheduled to take place on the 17th May 2024 at 2.30pm. The Panel agreed that further consideration of scrutinising the topic in conjunction with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel would be given.	
9. Training	
The Panel welcomed Kate Faragher who provided a training session on questioning skills.	
10. Future meetings	
The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place at 11am on 30th May 2024 in the States Building, Blampied Room.	

Date: 28th May 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	
1. Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202	
The Panel discussed the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202 (P.24/2024) (the Regulations). The Panel noted a drafted amendment to reduce the extension of the Regulations from the proposed 20th July 2027 to the 30th April 2026. The Panel agreed that the amendment should be lodged in order to require a return to the Assembly with updated legislation prior to the end of the political term and approved the legislative draft, accompanying report and Children's Right Impact Assessment.	

Date: 30th May 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Karen Wilson
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer
	Charlotte Curry, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 16th and 28th May 2024.	AC
2. Work Programme	
The Panel noted and discussed its work programme. The Panel noted that a feedback report from the <u>Consumer Credit Regime Proposed Regulation</u> <u>Consultation</u> had been forwarded. The Panel agreed no further action was required at that stage.	
3. Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel discussed the Terms of Reference, Scoping Document and Public Engagement Plan for the Acceptance of Cash Payment Review (the Review). The Panel discussed potential additions to the Terms of Reference however, upon consideration, decided that these documents should be maintained as approved at its meeting of the 16th May 2024.	PL
4. Public Correspondence	
The Panel noted and discussed correspondence from a member of the public regarding the Jersey Opera House. The Panel agreed that consideration would be given as to potential questions to put to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development at the Public Hearing scheduled for 4th July 2024. The Panel also requested that the Officer collate additional background information as to the funding of the project.	PL
5. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel discussed potential topics of questioning for the Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development.	
The Panel agreed that, as the Minister for International Development held delegated responsibility for work regarding Jersey's diaspora community under her role as an Assistant Minister for External Relations, an area of questioning would be included on how the diaspora project was progressing. The Panel agreed that the Minister for International Relations should be informed in good time that these questions would include elements concerning her External Relations remit.	

The Panel also agreed that an area of questioning would include how the work of the Minister for International Development was influenced by External Relations Policy regarding countries who were in conflict with one another.	Al
The Panel agreed that additional areas would be included and that a draft question plan would be circulated for consideration in due course.	AL
6. OECD Two Pillar Tax Initiative	
The Panel discussed the OECD Two Pillar Tax Initiative (the Initiative) and was informed that discussions between the Chair and the Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel indicated that that Panel would be forming a Sub-Panel in order to undertake a review of the Initiative. The Panel agreed that this was acceptable and that the Chair and Deputy Andrews would provide representation from the Panel on the Sub-Panel and report back with relevant findings were applicable.	
7. PhD Research	
The Panel discussed an invitation from a PhD researcher who was undertaking research in the role of Jersey's marine industry and marine resources and agreed that it would meet with them.	PL
10. Future meetings	
The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place at 11am on 6th June 2024 in the States Building, Blampied Room.	

Record of Meeting

Date: 6th June 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair (Apologies Item 6)
	Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Karen Wilson
In attendance	Item 6 only Karst Berkenbosch, PhD Researcher, KU Leuven, Division of Geography & Tourism
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 30th May 2024.	AC
2. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel discussed a draft question plan for the Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development scheduled to take place at 10:30am on Thursday 20th June 2024. The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given to the draft question plan and that a pre-meet should be established 15 minutes prior to the hearing.	AL
The Panel discussed potential areas of questioning for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled to take place at 1:30pm on Thursday 4th July 2024. The Panel agreed that sport, the cannabis industry, retail and the Jersey Opera House should be included within the questions areas and requested Officers to draft this accordingly.	
3. Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft survey questionnaire. The Panel agreed some changes to the draft and further agreed that additional consideration would be given by the Chair, prior to distribution to the Panel, for any further comments prior to launch.	PL
The Panel noted draft letters to stakeholders and agreed that the Chair would provide initial consideration prior to distribution to the Panel for any further comments. 4. P.24/2024 Amd comments	
The Panel noted and discussed P.24/2024 Amd comments relating to its amendment to the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202 (P.24/2024). The Panel agreed that consideration of further action, including having the draft regulations referred for further scrutiny under Standing Order 72, would be undertaken by the Chair prior to the debate on P.24/2024 which was scheduled to take place on 11th June 2024.	

5. Draft Taxation (Common Reporting Standard and United States of America) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- [P.39/2024].

The Panel noted the proposition Draft Taxation (Common Reporting Standard and United States of America) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- [P.39/2024]. The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given to the proposition prior to discussion at a future meeting.

6. PhD research

The Panel welcomed Karst Berkenbosch to discuss Panel members' views on the role of Jersey's marine industry and marine resources. A brief outline of the previous work of Scrutiny Panels, and the States Assembly was given by the Panel and members indicated individual views on the topic, noting that no formal discussion or review of the topic had been carried out by the Panel following its reconstitution in February 2024.

Date: 14th June 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
	Deputy Karen Wilson
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	
1. Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202- Review	
The Panel noted and discussed draft Terms of Reference, Scoping Document and Public Engagement Plan for a review of the draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.24/2024] following referral of the draft Regulations to scrutiny under Standing Order 72.	
The Panel Chair declared an interest in that he had at times organised events and planned to in the future, including through membership of the Le French Festival Jersey. The Panel noted this and agreed that it did not require the Chair to recuse himself from the Review.	
Upon consideration the Panel agreed the draft documents following alteration and requested the Officer forward these to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for approval prior to the launch of the Review.	PL

Record of Meeting

Date: 19th June 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews
	Deputy Karen Wilson
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair
In attendance	John Vautier, Sector Lead for Rural and Marine, Department for the Economy
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
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1. Briefing on the Rural and Marine Sector

The Panel received John Vautier (Sector Lead for Rural & Marine), for a briefing on the Rural and Marine Sector.

The Panel was informed that previously the Rural Economy Strategy had been in place for over 30 years through various updates, making it more mature than the marine sector. However, a slight change in policy was recognised in 2022, acknowledging that a changing world required a more dynamic approach. This shift began with a community research project and increased industry engagement in 2022. A key finding was that 99% of public respondents expected significant investment in the rural and marine industries that matched other economies.

The Sector Lead discussed the Economic Frameworks for the Rural and Marine Environment (the Frameworks) which were subsequently published in 2022, which sought to provide clarity on projects and Government of Jersey interventions, divided into five areas:

- 1. **Rural Governance**: Management of the economy by Government, in both a local and international context.
- 2. **Support**: A structure to provide direct financial support to the sectors in a manner compliant with international trade obligations.
- 3. **Resources Management**: Ways in which to maintain and enhance the environment and ensure sustainable uses of resources.
- 4. **Communication and Marketing**: Greater promotion of the sectors locally and internationally.
- 5. **Economic Development:** policies for sustainable development of the sector, some requiring further research to be delivered throughout the life of the frameworks.

The Panel heard that the Frameworks had been designed to allow for more flexibility than previous strategies and that the components included were expected to be updated in 2024 following identification of improvement points. The Panel was informed that these updates would be undertaken with consideration of the wider policy context including:

- Common Strategic Policy
- Government Plan
- Performance Framework
- Future Economy Programme
- Bridging Island Plan
- Carbon Neutral Strategy and Energy Plan

The Panel was informed that 50% of the land in Jersey was agricultural with the Sector Lead highlighted that farmland remained viable only when farmers were available, and identified that this was a rapidly declining demographic and was the biggest risk faced by the sector. The Panel was advised that an overarching goal of the Government of Jersey was to ensure a sustainable local food system in 20-30 years, stabilising current practices while exploring alternative business models.

The Panel was advised that direct agriculture payments per capita in Jersey was well under the average of the European Union (EU), at around £35 compared to £120 per year with this raising to over £450 for countries such as Switzerland in 2023. The Panel was informed that following adoption of the proposition to increase revenue expenditure for agriculture and fisheries [P.74/2023] Jersey's annual payments per capita would be anticipated to rise to £60 per capita which would be in line with those in the United Kingdom (UK). The Panel ask if, with consideration of Gross Value Added (GVA), Jersey would rank even lower given its wealthy society and the Sector Lead confirmed this.

The Sector Lead then outlined the Rural Development Programme Budget, noting that Jersey opted not to fully join the EU in 1972 and presented a graph that showed industry support from the Government of Jersey peaked in 1993, reduced significantly by 2018, and had begun to rise again. The Panel was informed that efforts had been made to recognise the value and change terminology to reduce the stigma around subsidies.

The Panel asked about the dramatic change over time and the Sector Lead explained that in 2001 a watershed moment occurred when a new policy report was delivered to the Assembly of the day. The Sector Lead highlighted, however, that the subsequent funding proposition was rejected due to pressures on public finances.

The Panel heard that this coincided with a specific policy in 2002/03 addressing dairy farmers' overproduction and the roll-up of the glasshouse industry due to a lack of government interest and unjustifiable public money receipts.

The Panel was informed the tomato industry, once worth £25-30 million annually, and the flower industry had disappeared because the Government of Jersey had decided not to invest in them due to competition from subsidised EU producers and competition within the UK. The Panel was informed that Jersey had been at the forefront of biological control production in the 1990s, which was abandoned due to a lack of investment. It was opined to the Panel that this lack of investment had led to a significant reduction in potato farmers from 200 to 12.

The Sector lead then outlined agricultural costs and the minimum wage, noting a 20% increase in agricultural staff wages. The Sector Lead highlighted the complexities of this increase, with different cost ratios for livestock versus growing farms, indicating the need for detailed breakdowns before making decisions. Jersey crop exports by value were discussed, noting a decline in all but potatoes, with efforts underway to rebuild other produce. The dairy sector trends were also concerning, with a decline in producers from 50 to 12 since 2000. The Sector Lead acknowledged the unsustainability of the trend and noted a decline in the number of cows and heifers, despite maintaining the same productivity rate, which could be intensive.

The Rural Support Scheme (RSS), updated in 2023, was discussed. The Sector Lead highlighted the need for increased finance and a more sophisticated delivery mechanism with the scheme aiming to incorporate lessons learnt whilst considering how other jurisdictions, particularly in the EU and UK, had adapted by increasing investments.

The Panel was informed that the new RSS support scheme leveraged these insights to influence behaviours and outcomes positively with a credit-based scheme introduced to define public goods and metrics, allowing for scaled interventions that favoured smaller businesses, encouraged diversity, and was fair and accessible. The Panel heard that the RSS was focused on outcomes and enhancement, supporting a more resilient and sustainable agricultural sector.

The Sector Lead outlined several initiatives under the Rural Development Programme, including the establishment of a Rural Forum, a Land Data Platform, and Jersey Royal brand management.

The Panel was informed that agricultural loans, which were being phased out in 2022, would be reintroduced by the end of 2024 following the adoption of P.74/2023. The Panel was informed that the recently lodged proposition Draft Agriculture (Loans) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. [P.41/2024] would aid in agricultural loan acceptance by altering loan interest rates from 6% to 3%, based on historic levels. The Panel heard that this had been altered previously, with the rate being 15% in 1994.

The Panel was advised that P.41/2024 would also update regulations which required a loans board of 10 people to only require 5. The Panel's queried financial safeguards, and the Sector Lead assured the Panel that strict measurement criteria were in place to ensure loans were used properly and would only be issued following risk analysis. The Panel was further advised that loans would be issued for specific projects and investments rather than for the purpose of refinancing.

The Panel was informed that agricultural loans had historically preformed well, with only one default in the past. The Panel was further informed that it was anticipated that the initial refinancing of the Agricultural Loan Fund (the Fund) of £10 million would enable loans sufficiently, with repayments of loans allowing replenishment of the Fund over time.

When asked whether loans could be given to community interest companies without a farming track record, the Sector Lead confirmed openness to new ways of working, noting that the Frameworks includes components for private investment and social enterprises. The Panel questioned if there were potential contentions around the distribution of future loans and how public relations would be managed with the Sector Lead emphasising the need to change the public conversation from "giving money to farmers" to "paying for public goods." The Sector lead further opined that it was essential to define the value of these public goods and communicate that the investment brings more value than the initial outlay, focusing on improving services rather than just providing financial support.

The Panel confirmed that the team within the Economy Department focusing on the Rural and Marine Sector was made up of 2.5 Full Time Equivalent employees.

The Panel thanked the Sector Lead for their time and the meeting concluded.

A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Articles 34, and 35 of the <u>Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011</u> (as amended).

Record of Meeting

Date: 20th June 2024

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair Deputy Geoff Southern, Vice Chair Deputy Max Andrews (Apologies for Items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) Deputy Karen Wilson
Apologies	
In attendance	Item 6 only Deputy Carolyn Labey, Minister for International Development Ed Lewis, Head of Programmes at Jersey Overseas Aid Francis Walker, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer Charlotte Curry, Communications Officer, States Greffe (Items 2, 3 and 4 only)

Agenda matter	Action
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 6th June 2024.	AC
2. Quarterly Hearings	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft question plan for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled to take place at 1:30pm on Thursday 4th July 2024. The Panel agreed that a separate hearing to pose questions in relations to the Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202 Review would be established.	AL
The Panel discussed its question plan for the upcoming Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development, due to take place that day. The Panel divided up question plan areas and agreed the plan as drafted.	
3. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development	
The Panel welcomed the Minister for International Development and Officers, to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	
4. Post Hearing Discussion	
The Panel discussed the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for International Development and agreed that social media posts would be published outlining discussion of the overseas volunteering, international development expenditure and value for money.	сс
5. Supply Chain Resilience Review	
The Panel noted and discussed a draft report as part of its Supply Chain Resilience Review. The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given electronically.	

6. Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202- Review	
The Panel discussed its Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202- Review. The Panel was informed that a meeting with the relevant Legislative Drafting Officer had been scheduled to take place on the 27th June 2024. The Panel	DI.
agreed that this should be established as a Public Hearing and was informed that a question plan would be drafted and forwarded for consideration prior to the hearing.	PL
7. Draft Taxation (Common Reporting Standard and United States of America) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- [P.39/2024].	
The Panel discussed the Proposition 'Draft Taxation (Common Reporting Standard and United States of America) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-' [P.39/2024]. The Panel agreed that it would value a briefing on the Proposition and requested the Officer make the necessary arrangements.	PL
8. Draft Agriculture (Loans) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202	
The Panel noted and discussed the Proposition Draft Agriculture (Loans) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202 [P.41/2024]. The Panel agreed that further consideration would be given to forming a Comments Paper to highlight information received at its briefing of the 19th June 2024.	PL
9. Future Meetings	
The Panel's noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 11am on 4th July 2024 in the States Building, Blampied Room.	