Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 8th July 2009 Meeting Number: 17

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

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	1. Quarterly Hearings with Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture and Home Affairs.	
	(a) The Panel discussed the question plans in preparation for the Public Hearings with the Ministers.	
	(b) The Panel welcomed Deputy J.G. Reed, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to the meeting at 11.00am, together with Chief Officer, Mr M. Lundy and Assistant Director Mr D. Greenwood. The Panel commenced formal questioning of the Minister based on issues relevant to the department's remit.	
	The Panel further welcomed Senator B.I. Le Marquand, the Minister for Home Affairs to the meeting at 2.30pm, together with Chief Officer, Mr S. Austin-Vautier. The Panel commenced formal questioning of the Minister based on issues relevant to the department's remit.	
	2. Records of Meetings	
	The record of the meeting of 18 th June 2009 was approved and signed.	
	3. Matters Arising	
	a) The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 18 th June 2009.	
	b) The Panel noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of the 25th June 2009.	•
Item 3 18.06.09	4. Prison Board of Visitors	
516/17	The Panel received an update from the Chairman of the Sub-Panel, Deputy M Tadier. The Panel noted that the Sub-Panel were still waiting for external legal advice but were advised that this would be received by 10 th July 2009. The Chairman further advised that the report should be ready to be lodged the week of 20 th July 2009, once the legal advice had been received and incorporated.	

	The Sub-Panel Chairman requested the Officer to distribute the draft report to stakeholders for their views prior to publication. The Panel further requested the Officer to check that this report would not be lodged at the same time as another Scrutiny report.	SP
	The Panel continued discussion of this item in private session under Article 3.2.1(b) of the Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information.	
	5. Fort Regent Review	
	The Panel noted a letter received from the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources with reference to the Panel's letter about the status of the EDAW report.	
	The Panel agreed to discuss the first draft of the report at its Panel meeting on 12 th August at 10.30am. The Panel further requested the Officer to inform Deputy Vallois of this meeting.	EL
Item 4	6. Schools Suspension Review	
18.06.09	The Sub-Panel arranged to meet on 23 rd July at 10:00am to discuss the Terms of Reference, Scoping document and Call for Evidence for this review. The Panel noted that the further member of this Sub-Panel would be Deputy J. Macon.	
	The Panel requested the Officer to confirm the time and date of this meeting with members via email, and to circulate draft papers to members for consideration at this meeting.	SP
	7. Forthcoming Legislation	
	The Panel noted that there were no forthcoming propositions lodged <i>au Greffe</i> by the Minister for Home Affairs or the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.	
	8. Ministerial Decisions	.,
	The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.	
	9. Questions to Ministers	
	The Panel noted that the Minister for Economic Development and Chief Minister will take questions without notice at the States sitting of 13 th July 2009.	
	10. Annual Business Plan	
	The Chairman requested the Officers to copy and distribute a paper provided to politicians by the Comptroller and Auditor General during a briefing on the Annual Business Plan, to Deputy Pitman and Deputy Tadier.	EL/SP
	The Panel noted a briefing paper prepared by the Officers on scrutiny of the draft Annual Business Plan, and agreed for the Officers to request specific background information from the Departments for Education, Sport and Culture and Home Affairs in advance of the publication of the Business Plan.	EL/SP
	The Panel further requested Officers to arrange Public Hearings with the Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture and Home Affairs on	-

Friday 24 th July 2009 and to provide them with draft questions in advance to provide the Ministers with the opportunity to provide any detailed technical information in writing prior to attendance at the hearings.	EL/SP
11. Future Meetings The Panel noted that the next Panel Meeting would be 23 rd July 2009 at 11.00am in Blampied Room, States Building.	

Signed

Date:

Chairman Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel