PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 11th June 2007 Meeting 28

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman Deputy J. Gallichan
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	1. Records of Previous Meetings The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of 11th May (with minor amendments), 14th May and 16th May 2007.	
	The Panel approved the record of its meeting with the Chief Minister on 14th May 2007. Signing of the record would be deferred until the record had been forwarded to the Chief Minister for comment.	WM/TO
	The Panel was advised that comments had yet to be received from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the records of their meetings with the Panel on 30 th April. The Officers were requested to follow up on the feedback and include an update on the next agenda.	WM/TO
[04/06/07 Item 1]	2. Centeniers in the Magistrate's Court The Panel noted with regret the resignation of the Deputy of St Martin as Chairman of the Panel on 5th June 2007.	
	The Panel noted the resignation on 5th June 2007 of the Panel's legal adviser for the Centenier's Review. The Panel approved the payment of the adviser's final invoice.	
	The Panel further noted that a meeting with H.M. Attorney General had been arranged, following his request, for 11.30am on 13 th June 2007.	
[11/05/07 Item 1]	The Panel discussed its decision of 11th May 2007 to send letters to H.M. Attorney General (as head of the Island's prosecution service, Titular Head of the Honorary Police and Legal Adviser to the States of Jersey), the Minister for Home Affairs, the Magistrate, Assistant Magistrate and, for information, to the Bailiff, as Head of the Judiciary. It had been intended that the letters (with the exception of the one to the Bailiff) would ask whether the Cooper opinion was accepted, the resulting policy implications and a possible way forward in	

	14th May 2007, had not included reference to a possible way forward.	
[16/05/06 Item 1]	3. Meeting with the Chief Minister The Panel noted its agreement at the meeting with Ed Egglishaw of Orchid Communications on 16th May 2007 that the Chairman would speak to the Jersey Evening Post to express the Panel's disappointment that the report of the meeting with the Chief Minister, on 14th May 2007, had not appeared to give a balanced impression of that meeting. Due to the subsequent resignation of the Chairman, the Panel was uncertain whether this action had been taken.	
[14/05/07 Item 3]	4. Social Policy Framework The Panel recalled that, at its meeting with the Chief Minister on 14th May 2007, it had been noted that <i>A Social Policy</i> <i>Framework for Jersey</i> fell within its remit. The Panel recommended that <i>A Social Policy Framework for Jersey</i> should be considered by the Panel. It agreed that following the resignation of Deputy Hill as Chairman, this would not be possible until after the election of a Chairman and Members of the Panel at the States Session on 19 th June 2007.	
	5. Regulation of Investigatory Powers The Panel recalled its agreement of 16th April 2007 to seek further clarification from the Department regarding the potential benefits of a briefing offered on 30th April 2007 by the Minister for Home Affairs, Senator W. Kinnard. The offer was of a confidential briefing regarding the <i>Regulation of Investigatory</i> <i>Powers Law</i> .	
	The Panel was advised that it had not yet received a reply to its request for further clarification.	
[16/05/07, Item 2]	6. Early Years The Panel was advised that letters inviting written submissions for the Early Years Review had been sent to all registered family day carers and the umbrella organisation the Jersey Association of Child Carers.	
	Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer further consideration of the Early Years Review until after the election of a Chairman and Members of the Panel at the States Session on 19 th June 2007.	
[14/05/07, Item 2.2.b]	7. GP Out-of-Hours The Panel noted that it had still not received the official Ministerial response to the GP Out-of-Hours report.	
	The Panel recalled the decision made at its meeting on 8 th January 2007 that responsibility for following up the recommendations contained within the GP Out-of-Hours report would, in the long term, lie with the Health, Social Security and Housing (HSSH) Scrutiny Panel. However, the Education and Home Affairs Panel would deal with the initial responses and comments emanating from the presentation of the report.	
	Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer further	

	consideration of the issue.	
	8. Action Updates and Matters Arising The Panel noted actions taken following requests made at its previous meetings.	
[02/04/07 Item 7]	9. Criminal Justice Policy The Panel noted receipt of correspondence, dated 30th May 2007, from the Minister for Home Affairs that provided a response to the comments it had made on Pillar 9 of the Criminal Justice Policy.	
	Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer further consideration of the issue.	
[14/05/07, Item 8]	10. Code of Practice The Panel agreed to write to the Chairmen's Committee requesting a list of the changes that had been made to the recently lodged Code of Practice. It would also be seeking some points of clarification and suggesting amendments.	WM/TO
	11. Press Release by Deputy Southern The Panel discussed the media release issued by Deputy G.P. Southern on 11 th June 2007 relating to the resignation of Deputy F.J. Hill as Chairman of the Panel. It noted that the media release stated that Deputy Southern would be contacting the Panel with his concerns.	
[16/05/07, Item 1]	12. Orchid Communications The Panel was advised of the request of the Chairmen's Committee for all Panels to discuss the future engagement of Orchid Communications. The Panel agreed that the opportunity to fully utilise the services offered by Orchid had not been taken and that good value for money had therefore not been achieved. It agreed that under such circumstances it would not represent best value to extend Orchid's contract.	
	 13. Forthcoming Work Within the Home Affairs Remit The Panel noted correspondence, dated 1st June 2007, that the Minister for Home Affairs had sent to all States Members to indicate her priorities for the ensuing eighteen months. Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer consideration of the subsequent course of action. 	
[19/02/07 Item 14e]	14. Building A Safer Society The Panel noted that <i>Building A Safer Society – Annual Report</i> <i>2006 (R.53/2007)</i> had been presented to the States on 31st May 2007.	
	Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer further consideration of the Report.	
[14/05/07 Item 12]	15. Future Work Programme Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer further consideration of its future work programme.	1
	16. Forthcoming Propositions Due to its position the Panel agreed to defer consideration of	

	the following proposition.	
	Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 200- Home Affairs, date of debate 17th July 2007	
	17. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted the following Ministerial decisions pertinent to its remit:	
	 Coastguard Vehicle – Use of Blue Beacons (MD-HA-2007-0034) Prison Board of Visitors – Annual Report 2006 (MD-HA-2007-0035) Request to increase the Prison establishment by two Civil 	
	 Servant posts (MD-HA-2007-0038) Transfer of funding from Economic Development Department and Harbour Office to Home Affairs (MD-HA- 2007-0037) Increase of the fee for the Legalisation of Documents 	
	 (MD-HA-2007-0039) Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 200- (MD-HA-2007-0042) Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 2001 (MD-HA-2007-0044) Building a Safer Society Annual Report (MD-HA-2007- 0043) 	
	18. Questions to Ministers The Panel noted that the Minister for Transport and Technical Services, Deputy G.W.J. de Faye, and the Chief Minister, Senator F.H. Walker, were due to answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 19th June 2007.	
	The Panel noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services, Senator P F Routier, and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, Senator M E Vibert, were due to answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 3rd July 2007.	
	19. Panel Meeting Media Release The Panel noted the draft template for post Panel Meeting media releases. However, due to its position the Panel agreed not to issue a media release for its meeting of 11th June 2007.	
	20. Future Meetings The Panel recalled that it would meet the Attorney General in private session on 13th June 2007 at 11.30am.	
	Subject to the outcome of the election of the Chairman and Panel Members in the States session on 19th June 2007, the Panel would meet again on 25th June 2007 at 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building.	

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Chairman

Education & Home Affairs Panel