

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 14th September 2015

Present	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on the 6th, 9th, 13th and 20th July 2015 were approved for signing.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2</b> <b>06.07.15</b></p>	<p><b>2. Conflicts of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no conflicts of interest declared.</p>	
<p><b>516/44</b></p>	<p><b>3. School Starting Age</b></p> <p>The Panel recognised that some parents were concerned that children born late in the school year were disadvantaged by being the youngest in the class. There was concern that the Education (Jersey) Law 1999 may not be flexible enough. It considered scoping documents relating to a review and agreed to undertake the work. The budget of £20,200 was approved and the scoping documents were to be presented to the Chairmen's Committee. Work was to be undertaken to find an advisor. The Chairman would oversee the issuing of a press release to launch the review.</p>	<p><b>MR</b> <b>MR/LD</b></p>
	<p><b>4. Transfer of Functions.</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that Deputy Maçon had been co-opted onto the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel to assist with a review into the Transfer of Functions.</p>	
<p><b>510/1(72)</b></p>	<p><b>5. Treatment of Confidential Documentation</b></p> <p>The Panel noted documentation from the Chairmen's Committee requesting that Scrutiny Panels remain mindful of ensuring that they do not breach the confidentiality of documentation received during the course of Scrutiny work. It was considered that all confidential documents sent to Panels should be marked as confidential by the sender.</p>	
<p><b>Item 1</b> <b>13.07.15</b></p> <p><b>516/42</b></p>	<p><b>6. Special Education Needs</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial response to the Panel's report, S.R.3/2015. It required the agenda for the spring quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to provide for questioning the Minister in relation to progress with the work to meet the recommendations he had accepted.</p>	

	A copy of the report was to be sent to every school in the Island.	
<b>Item 5</b> <b>06.07.15</b>  <b>516/43</b>	<p><b>7. Prison Board of Visitors</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the response and result of the survey that had been done within the Prison in relation to the Prison Board of Visitors. The results showed an overwhelming opinion from the prisoners that the Jurats should not be members of the board. A response had been received from 50% of the prison population.</p> <p>The Panel noted a public hearing planned with the Chief Minister for 1st October and accepted the apologies of Deputy Maçon for that hearing. As lead member, Deputy Maçon would oversee the drafting of questions for the hearing.</p>	
<b>Item 1</b> <b>07.09.15</b>  <b>513/45</b>	<p><b>8. Medium Term Financial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel started preparation for the forthcoming public hearings with the Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture and for Home Affairs in relation to the information provided in response to the questions previously asked by the Panel about the MTFP.</p> <p>The Panel also noted the overall timeline of the MTFP and considered that it did not allow sufficient time for scrutiny to take place. It was required that the Chairmen's Committee be advised of the view.</p>	<b>MR</b>  <b>MR</b>
	<p><b>9. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am on Monday 12th October 2015 in the Blampied Room.</p>	<b>MR</b>