PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(39th Meeting)

27th October 2008

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier, Mr. C. Evans, Mr. T. Grimes and Advocate A. Ohlsson, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Senator L. Norman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy A. Breckon Deputy J.G. Reed Mr. R. Bignell Mr. M. Magee

In attendance -

Mr. C. Swinson, O.B.E., Comptroller and Auditor General Mr. P. Monamy, Acting Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee Miss A-C. Heuston, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the Meetings held on 12th May, 14th July, 21st July, 22nd July, 4th August and 8th September 2008, and also Notes of 1st September 2008, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Current projects. A2. The Committee received an oral update from the Chairman regarding the under-mentioned current projects -

- (a) following a response from the Treasury Department, it had been decided to hold a review of States' insurance by an insurance expert;
- (b) following a report which appeared in the Jersey Evening Post, the Chairman advised the Committee that enquiries had been made regarding police costs associated with the on-going historical child abuse investigation and the total overtime bills for the States of Jersey Police for the past 3 years had been requested;
- (c) it was agreed that a hearing be held in January into the level of support being received by the Director of Strategic Procurement, Ms. C. Hastings, from the Treasury and other States Departments. It was suggested that the Committee interview the Treasurer of the States and/or the Chief Executive to ensure that the Director of Strategic Procurement had an appropriate context in which to work, and agreed that the Director be contacted and a progress update requested; and
- (d) the Chairman informed members that she would address members of the SKAL Club on 14th December 2008 about the work of the Committee.