

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 9th February 2009

Meeting 3


Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman (Items 9-12) Deputy J.M. Maçon Deputy S. Pitman Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley (Items 9-12)
Apologies	Deputy C.F. Labey (Items 1 - 8) Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley (Items 1 - 8)
Absent	
In attendance	T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer S. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Record of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The Chairman requested that the officers amend the part of the record of the Panel's meeting on 2nd February 2009 relating to a decision on the approval and distribution of correspondence in the absence of response from the Chairman. The Chairman informed the meeting that he did not recall this decision being taken. The Chairman believed that such a decision was a breach of the Code of Practice, and in that respect his belief was, therefore, that the officers were advocating the Panel to break the law in recording such a decision. The officers advised the Panel that, in their impartial role as record takers, the minutes accurately reflected the decision that had been made by the Panel at its meeting of 2nd February 2009.</p> <p>Having been appraised of the process whereby the Panel could rescind its previous decision, the Chairman declined to take this action. Further, the Chairman declined the officers' suggestion to seek advice from the Scrutiny Manager on the matter of protocol as he was of the opinion that the Scrutiny Manager role was only in fact one of office manager. The Chairman declined to sign the record and advised that he would take the issue and the broader matter of the Panel's right to amend records of its meetings to the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	MH
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<p><b>2. Action Updates</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Action Updates from its previous meetings. The officers advised that a letter to the Minister for Economic Development requesting retrospective responses to the former Panel's reports would be drafted at the earliest opportunity.</p>	TO/SLQ
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<p>The Chairman and Deputy Maçon noted an outstanding agreement to view the electronic files of the former Panel's Employment and Training Opportunities Review at the Scrutiny Office.</p>	MH/JM
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Item 2]	The Panel received an oral update about the possibility of a Panel visit to the Jersey Financial Services Commission. The Panel agreed that it wished to pursue a full Panel visit and requested the officers to make the necessary arrangements.	TO/SLQ
	<b>3. Public Hearing with Minister for Economic Development</b> The Panel considered its Question Plan for the Public Hearing to be held later that day with the Minister for Economic Development.	
	<b>4. Draft Companies (Amendment No10) (Jersey) Law 200</b> The Panel was advised by the officers that further to previous advice on the processes of referral back and Panel review work of any size, the Panel had yet to record its agreement to undertake work on the Companies (Amendment No 10) (Jersey) Law 200- that had been referred to the Panel by the Chairman during the States session on 3rd February 2009.  Following consideration of the Chairman's reasons for referring the Draft Law to the Panel, the Panel agreed to scope its work on the topic. The Panel also considered questions that it might ask the Minister at the Public Hearing on the matter that had been arranged by the Chairman to take place later that day.	TO/SLQ
	<b>5. Draft Companies (Amendment No 3) (Jersey) Regulations 200-</b> The Panel noted that the Draft Companies (Amendment No 3) Regulations 200- had not been referred to it and agreed that it would not undertake work on the matter.	
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<b>6. Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority</b> Following a request for clarification from the Panel, the officers confirmed that matters related to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority did fall within the Panel's remit.	
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<b>7. Jersey Finance Ltd</b> The Panel was advised that it had been requested to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to receive a report by the London Business School on Jersey Finance Ltd from the Department. The officers advised that they would arrange for the agreement to be circulated for signing.	TO/SLQ
[02/02/09, Item 5]	<b>8. Conflicts of Interest</b> The Chairman advised that he had arranged a meeting to discuss possible conflicts of interests with the Greffier of the States.	MH
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<b>9. Work Programme</b> The Panel deferred consideration of potential review topics to its next meeting	
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<b>10. Airline Route Development</b> The Panel deferred consideration of the Topic Assessment form to its next meeting.	
[02/02/09, Item 3]	<b>11. Tourism PPP</b> The Panel deferred consideration of the Scoping Document to its next meeting.	
	<b>12. Future Meetings</b> The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 13th February 2009.	

Signed



Date: 13-02-2009

Chairman

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