Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th May 2012

Meeting No: 10

| Present | Deputy J. M. Maçon, Chairman |
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| | Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman |
| | Connétable S. W. Pallett |
| In attendance | M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer |

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| Item 6 | 1. Tasers: Proposed introduction into the Island | |
| 24.04.12 516/32 | The Panel, with Deputy M. Tadier in attendance, considered the draft heads of report, prepared by the Scrutiny Officer, together with a report | |
| | on the online survey. After some discussion, members agreed that there was justification for the introduction of Tasers for use by the States of Jersey Police, albeit there were legitimate concerns that their use marked a potential step change for the policing in the Island. Members agreed that it was essential to ensure that the circumstances in which Tasers might be deployed and used should be tightly defined. Mindful of the trend in the UK to extend the use of Tasers to Specially Trained Units members agreed that it was important to seek assurances that any such extension would be referred to the states for debate prior to implementation. | |
| Item 7 23.04.12 | 2. Jersey Fire and Rescue Service – Fire Precautions and Petroleum Law - consultation feedback | |
| 516/5(15) | The Panel considered correspondence dated 30th April 2012 from the Director of Safer Communities, Jersey Fire and Rescue Service, in relation to the consultation feedback on the above law amendments. Members agreed that they were satisfied with the response by the department and requested that formal thanks be communicated. | мн |
| Item 4 23.04.12 | 3. Review of Issues surrounding the financial management of Operation Rectangle | |
| 516/29 | The Panel received a file note from the Scrutiny Officer on a meeting between the Chairman and the President of the Chairmen's Committee. They noted that it had been agreed that the transcript should be reviewed once again and specific justification for each redaction prepared. The Panel agreed accordingly to receive a further report on the matter from the Scrutiny Officer | мн |
| | 4. Future meetings | |
| | Members noted that a briefing had been arranged with the Treasurer of the States on the States Medium Term Financial Plan on 31st May 2012. | |
| | Members requested that a date for a Quarterly hearing be arranged with the Minister for Home Affairs to discuss the implications of the | |

MTFP and other departmental issues. Members also requested that public hearings be arranged with the Customs and Immigration Department and Prison Service in relation to their recently published Annual Reports.

Members agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 21st May in view of the planned absence of one of the members. The next Panel meeting would take place on 18th June.