

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: 28th October 2009

Meeting 54

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy I.J. Gorst, Chairman – Jersey Overseas Aid Commission [Item 8] Senator P.F. Routier, Jersey Overseas Aid Commission [Item 8] Deputy C.F. Labey, Jersey Overseas Aid Commission [Item 8] Mr. G. Crill, Jersey Overseas Aid Commission [Item 8] Mrs. K. Filipponi, Executive Officer – Jersey Overseas Aid Commission [Item 8] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Miss. K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer

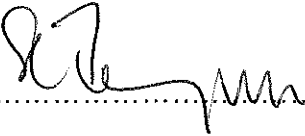
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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved both the public and private session records of its meeting held on 14th October 2009.</p>	
	<p>2. Action Updates and Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the updates on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting held on 15th October 2009. In particular, the Panel noted the Committee's agreement that, in future, when Standing Order 72 was invoked in relation to legislation brought by the Comité des Connétables, items would be assigned to Panels on a topic-by-topic basis.</p>	
19/10/09, Item 2 513/20(8)	<p>3. Finance Sub-Panel</p> <p>The Panel noted that drafting of the final report was due to begin. It further noted that briefings on the Comprehensive Spending Review and Fiscal Strategy Review, to be undertaken by the Department of Treasury and Resources, had not yet been arranged. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to ascertain the current status of the arrangements. The Panel was advised that the Chairmen's Committee would itself receive a briefing on the Comprehensive Spending Review.</p> <p>The Panel received an oral report from the Chairman on the visit to Whitbread Group PLC.</p>	WM
19/10/09, Item 1	<p>4. Economic Stimulus Plan</p> <p>The Panel noted that drafting of the final report was due to begin.</p>	

<p>513/23(8)</p>	<p>Consideration was given to the training packages offered at Highlands College that would be funded through the Economic Stimulus Plan. It was agreed to request information on the curricula offered delivered through these packages. The Panel noted that this request represented follow-up work to its first report on the Economic Stimulus Plan.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from the Association of Jersey Architects in which the Association had advised of its attempts to correspond with Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources. It was agreed to advise the Association that the Panel had noted its correspondence and would take into account the Association's comments during any subsequent work on the Economic Stimulus Plan.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
	<p>5. Pension Funds</p> <p>Recalling that Connétable D.J. Murphy had been due to investigate matters relating to <i>Pension Schemes: Dealing with the Past Service Liability</i> (P.110/2009), the Panel was advised that the Public Accounts Committee would review matters surrounding the Public Employees Contributory Retirement Scheme (PECRS) and that, consequently, there would be no need for the Connétable to undertake his investigation.</p>	
<p>14/10/09, Item 8</p> <p>513/18(8)</p>	<p>6. Migration and Population</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Migration and Population Sub-Panel would receive a briefing on 28th October 2009 on the Information Technology systems to be used under the proposed Migration legislation. It was further noted that the Sub-Panel's expert advisor would undertake work in the Island on 24th and 25th November 2009, on which latter date the Sub-Panel would hold Public Hearings with Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister, and the Migration Advisory Group. The Panel was advised that meetings were to be arranged for Deputy T.A. Vallois in order that she might follow up the recommendations made in <i>Population Policy</i> (SR3/2009).</p>	
<p>14/10/09, Item 9</p> <p>513/21(8)</p>	<p>7. Jersey Development Company</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Ministerial Response from the Chief Minister to <i>Jersey Development Company</i> (SR9/2009). The Panel was advised that the Jersey Development Company Sub-Panel would meet on 29th October 2009 to consider the Response.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that invoices had not yet been received from the Sub-Panel's expert advisors. However, it had been confirmed by the advisors that the invoices would not go beyond the expenditure limits agreed in the initial contract and subsequent letter of further instruction.</p>	
<p>14/10/09, Item 11</p> <p>513/5(8)</p>	<p>8. Jersey Overseas Aid</p> <p>The Panel held a Public Hearing with Deputy I.J. Gorst, Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission. Deputy Gorst was accompanied by Senator P.F. Routier, Deputy C.F. Labey (for a time) and Mr. G. Crill, all Members of the Commission, and Mrs. K. Filipponi, Executive Officer of the Commission.</p> <p>Subsequent to the Hearing, the Panel requested the Scrutiny Officer to draft a report to reflect the Panel's conclusions on the evidence received. It was agreed that a media release would also be made, once the report had been completed, about the Panel's work on this</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>KB</p>

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14/10/09, Item 1 513/1(25)	<p>9. Work Programme</p> <p>Consideration was given to the Panel's Work Programme. It was agreed that no further work would be undertaken in relation to the Importation of Bovine Semen as the report recently received from the Royal Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Society (RJA&HS) addressed the Panel's questions. It was agreed to inform the RJA&HS of this fact and to advise that the Panel would, however, return to the subject in due course.</p> <p>Recalling its decision to undertake work on the 2010 Budget, the Panel agreed that it should focus on the Budget at its Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources on 11th November 2009.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that any review with regard to International Relations would not take place until 2010. However, it was agreed that a briefing on the subject should be arranged before the end of the year in order to assist the Panel's understanding in this area.</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement to undertake a review relating to Human Resources and the States Employment Board. It was agreed this should be combined with the previously agreed review on Whistle-blowing and Complaints Procedures to form one review. It was noted that this would potentially create a review with a large scope and that consideration might need to be given to parcelling it into manageable sections. The Vice-Chairman was requested to scope the review before the end of the year in order that the review might begin in 2010.</p> <p>The Panel noted that, under Standing Order 136, its Terms of Reference included provision for scrutiny of subordinate enactments which have been made by a Minister. It was agreed to pursue this matter by corresponding with both the Chief Minister and the Minister for Treasury and Resources about the procedures they followed in relation to Ministerial Orders.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>CE</p> <p>WM</p>
08/07/09, Item 11 515/17(8)	<p>10. Depositors' Compensation Scheme</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement to await the completion of the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel's Review before establishing whether it should itself undertake further work. It was noted that that Panel had completed its work and presented the resultant report, <i>Depositor Compensation Scheme (SR10/2009)</i>, to the States. It was further noted that the report did not appear to cover issues relating to use of the Strategic Reserve. The Panel agreed it would not undertake any work at this time though the subject could potentially be inserted into the 2010 Work Programme.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a briefing had been arranged by the Economic Affairs Panel for 29th October 2009, though there was a doubt as to whether the briefing would proceed. It was further noted that a briefing on the subject from Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development, had been arranged for 2nd November 2009.</p>	
	<p>11. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted the forthcoming propositions that had been lodged for debate by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources. This comprised the propositions P.172/2009 and P.174/2009.</p>	

	<p>12. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions taken by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources which had been uploaded to www.gov.je between 8th and 21st October 2009.</p>	
	<p>13. Quarterly Hearings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the next Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources would take place on 11th November 2009 and that the next one with the Chief Minister had been arranged for 25th November 2009.</p>	
	<p>14. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted it would next meet on 11th November 2009.</p>	

Signed



Date:

11/11/09

Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel