

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Meeting No. 31

29th November 2006

1st Floor Meeting Room, States Greffe

Present Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman
Deputy A. Breckon
Connétable M. K. Jackson
Deputy J. A. Martin
Deputy K. C. Lewis

Apologies
In attendance Nathan Fox, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2006 were considered and approved with one minor amendment.	NJF
2. Item 2 15th Nov 2006 Item 4 15th Nov 2006	Matters Arising The Chairman informed the Panel that the date of debate for the projet entitled 'Fulfilment Industry Policy' (P.158/2006) lodged by the Panel had been put back from 16th to 30th January as the Economic Development Minister was unavailable. The mobile recording system for Public Hearings was to be purchased from the general Scrutiny budget, and would be available in early 2007.	
3.	Dairy Review – Update Deputy Breckon informed the Panel that the dates for the Dairy Sub-Panel's Public Hearing had been finalised as 11th, 12th, and 13th December. The Panel intended to interview 15 witnesses in 14 groups over 3 days. The Dairy Sub-Panel intended to release the draft Promar report into the public domain in order to ensure that the witnesses to the hearings had been given sufficient opportunity to study the contents. The report had not been released due to commercially sensitive information. Jersey Dairy had provided a list of information that it considered sensitive, and the Panel had called upon the Chief Minister to adjudicate upon a difference of opinion with Jersey Dairy as to where commercial sensitivity ended and criticism began. final draft of the Promar consultants' report had been received, and considered, and that there was disagreement between the Jersey	

	<p>Milk Marketing Board and Promar consultants concerning the conclusions. The report contained references to farmers as 'subsidy aware', amongst other things, and some of the phraseology used had been challenged.</p> <p>Deputy Breckon confirmed that were the provisional public hearing dates for the Dairy sub-Panel.</p> <p>In respect of those hearings, the Panel agreed to make funds to the sum of up to £5,000 available to the Economic Affairs sub-Panel (Dairy Review) as necessary for recording, transcription, and sundry expenses.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Mobile Recording System</p> <p>The Panel considered a report detailing the purchase cost of a mobile recording system.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the acquisition of such a system would allow the Panel and other to hold hearings in areas around the island, many of which were more suitable for large groups of attendees than the rooms in the States building. This would also allow the panels to more easily hold hearings in the evenings, which it was hoped would improve attendance.</p> <p>The Panel decided that it would be appropriate for the Chairmen's Committee to undertake such a purchase. The Chairman was therefore delegated to approach the Chairmen's Committee with the matter, and recommend such a system be purchased.</p>	<p>GS</p>

Signed

Date

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Chairman Deputy G. P. Southern
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