

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 29th March 2010

Meeting 57

Present	Deputy M.R. Higgins, Chairman Deputy C.F. Labey, Vice-Chairman (Items 1-15 only) Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley
Apologies	Deputy S. Pitman Deputy J.M. Maçon
In attendance	Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mr. D. Scott, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 1st and 18th March 2010. The Panel deferred until its next meeting the record of its meeting on the 15th March.</p>	
15/03/10, Item 8 515/1(24)	<p>2. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel undertook an update of its Work Programme and agreed minor timetable adjustments. It was agreed that the Officers would amend the Programme accordingly and distribute the revised version.</p>	TO/DS
15/03/10, Item 9	<p>3. Chairmen's Committee</p> <p>The Panel noted the briefing notes from the Chairmen's Committee meeting held on 18th March 2010.</p> <p>The Panel further noted the official decision summary of the meeting between the Chairmen's Committee and the Council of Ministers held on 18th March. It agreed to request details of the Economic Development Department's response to the Comprehensive Spending Review from the Minister for Economic Development.</p> <p>The Panel received the draft Media Working Group Report and agreed that an electronic version should be circulated for consideration and comment by the Panel. It was further agreed that the Chairman would raise any comments made following circulation directly with the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	TO/DS TO/DS Panel
515/3(9)	<p>4. E-Gaming</p> <p>The Panel considered the merit of undertaking a Review of <i>P28/2010/ Establishment of a regulatory and licensing regime for e-gaming for Jersey</i> -. It agreed to write to Jersey Finance Limited and the Jersey Financial Services Commission to request their respective formal positions on the topic of e-gaming.</p>	TO/DS

	<p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he had been contacted by Mr C. Evans, Managing Director, Foreshore Limited, regarding the Panel's intentions in reviewing this topic. The Panel agreed that it would write to Mr Evans outlining its position.</p>	TO/DS
01/03/10, Item 7	<p>5. Companies Law</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Department of Economic Development had agreed to forward responses to its consultation as a single bundle at the close of the consultation period.</p>	
	<p>6. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted that between 19th February and 23rd March, the following propositions had been lodged <i>au Greffe</i> by the Minister for Economic Development for debate by the States Assembly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P28/2010/ Establishment of a regulatory and licensing regime for e-gaming for Jersey- Economic Development – 09 March 2010 Date of Debate – 20/04/2010 • P24/2010/ Draft Companies (Amendment No.4)(Jersey) Regulations 2009 (Appointed Day) Act 201- Economic Development – 04 March 2010 Date of Debate – 23 March 2010 • P20/2010/ Draft Sea Fisheries (Fisheries) (Jersey) Regulations 201- Economic Development – 25 February 2010 Date of Debate – 20 April 2010 <p>The Panel further noted the presentation of the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R33/2010 Retail Framework 2010 Economic Development – 23 March 2010 <p>It agreed to consider the report at its next meeting.</p>	Panel
	<p>7. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted all public Ministerial Decisions made by the Minister for Economic Development between 19th February and 23rd March 2010.</p>	
510/1(5)	<p>8. Code of Practice</p> <p>The Panel discussed the Code of Practice with Deputy T.A. Vallois representing the Code of Practice Review Group in private session under <i>Article 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of the Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information.</i></p>	
18/03/10, Item 1 515/16(8)	<p>9. Bag Limits</p> <p>The Panel considered the progress of its Draft Report. It noted that the relevant sections had been distributed to stakeholders for comment on the factual accuracy and fairness of their evidence contained within the draft, and the deadline for responses was Thursday 1st April. It further noted that some comments had already been received and agreed that they should be incorporated.</p>	

	<p>The Panel recalled that the Chairman had been drafting an alternative version of the Report. The Chairman informed the Panel that he intended to forward his Report for consideration by the Panel before final presentation to the States of its Report. The Panel agreed that the Chairman would forward his Report at the earliest opportunity in order that the Panel could consider it and submit comments by Wednesday 31st March.</p>	MH
<p>15/03/10, Item 7 515/17(8)</p>	<p>10. Depositor Compensation Scheme</p> <p>The Panel noted correspondence from the Minister for Economic Development and agreed to request a copy of the Business Deposits Survey and an explanation of how the recipients of that Survey were selected.</p>	TO/DS
<p>15/03/10, Item 2 515/15(8)</p>	<p>11. Tourism PPP</p> <p>The Panel noted again that the progress of this Review was being delayed by the ongoing Bag Limits Review. The Panel agreed that it would aim to present its Report by the end of April 2010.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed to return the Review File to the Officer.</p>	MH
<p>08/03/10, Item 2 515/18(8)</p>	<p>12. Rural Economy Strategy</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the progress of the Rural Economy Strategy Sub-Panel. The Panel noted that the Sub-Panel's next scheduled meeting was for 30th March 2010.</p>	
<p>12/02/10, Item 2 515/19(8)</p>	<p>13. Harbours and Airport</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Panel that he would seek to arrange a meeting of the Harbours and Airports Sub-Panel later that week to begin drafting Terms of Reference and the Scoping Document.</p>	MH
<p>15/03/10, Item 4 515/3(8)</p>	<p>14. Skills Executive/Youth Unemployment/Training</p> <p>The Panel noted its letter sent to Mr P.Ward in response to his correspondence dated 8th February 2010.</p>	
	<p>15. Draft Sea Fisheries</p> <p>The Panel agreed to write to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority to request its formal position on the regulations with regard to competition legislation.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to write to the Minister for Economic Development to ascertain further detail regarding the regulations.</p>	TO/DS TO/DS
<p>15/03/10, Item 1 515/3(5)</p>	<p>16. Intellectual Property</p> <p>The Panel requested the draft Terms of Reference and Scoping Document be re-circulated electronically for Panel comment and approval.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that a short list of potential advisers available to undertake the Review within the timetable would be circulated for consideration. It further agreed that the list of potential candidates may include the candidates previously brought to the Panel's attention by the Economic Development Department.</p>	Panel TO/DS
<p>15/03/10, Item 5</p>	<p>17. Jersey Finance</p> <p>The Panel deferred consideration of receipt of the confidential</p>	

	<p>'Jersey Finance Limited Business Plan 2010' until it had discussed the wider issue of confidentiality with the Minister for Economic Development at its scheduled Quarterly Update Meeting on Monday 26th April .</p>	
	<p>18. Private Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel again deferred consideration of all Private Ministerial Decisions made between 4th January and 29th March 2010.</p>	
	<p>19. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that the its next scheduled meeting would take place on Monday 12th April 2010 at 9.30am in Le Capelain Room, States Building. It further noted that the Quarterly Update Meeting with the Minister for Economic Development scheduled for Monday 12th April had been rescheduled for 11-1pm on Monday 26th April 2010.</p>	

Signed

Date:

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Chairman
Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel