

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 12th April 2010
Meeting 58

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

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	<p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of its meeting held on 15th March, and the record of the meeting held on 29th March 2010 subject to a minor amendment.</p> <p>In addition to the above mentioned records, the Panel was reminded that although approved by it, the records of its 13 meetings held in 2010 and its meeting held on 19th October 2009 had not been signed. Copies of the 14 outstanding unsigned approved records had been previously distributed for signature to the Chairman. The Chairman advised that, despite the records having been approved by the Panel, he had taken away those copies in order to verify their content before signing.</p>	MH
29/04/10, Item 4 515/3	<p>2. E-Gaming</p> <p>The Panel considered an invitation from Mr C. Evans, Managing Director, Foreshore Limited, of a Panel visit to view and discuss the facilities of Foreshore Limited. The Panel agreed that due to existing commitments it would be unable to take up the offer, and agreed to thank and advise Mr Evans accordingly.</p>	TO/DS
	<p>3. Forthcoming Propositions</p> <p>The Panel noted that between 24th March 2010 and 6th April 2010, 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"> • P 43/2010 Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority: appointment of Chairman. Economic Development - 06 April 2010 Date of debate - <u>20/04/2010</u> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P 41/2010 Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner. Economic Development - <i>06 April 2010</i> Date of debate - <u>20/04/2010</u> 	
	<p>4. Ministerial Decisions</p> <p>The Panel noted the following public Ministerial Decisions made by the Minister for Economic Development between 24th March and 6th April 2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jersey Harbours: Capital Budget Transfer to Revenue Expenditure (MD-E-2010-0056) • Regulation of Undertakings and Development (Jersey) Law 1973: Consideration of applications (MD-E-2010-0049) • Law drafting instructions in relation to appointments under the Financial Services Commission (Jersey) Law 1998 (MD-E-2010-0053) <p>The Panel requested that the full reports of MD-E-2010-0053 and MD-E-2010-0049 should be circulated for consideration.</p>	TO/DS
29/04/10, Item 9 515/16(8)	<p>5. Bag Limits</p> <p>The Panel noted the draft Panel report and agreed that subject to comments that might be received from Members by the following day, the report was approved to be presented to the States that week in line with a proposed presentation timetable previously circulated by email. The provisional formal presentation date was scheduled for 15th April 2010.</p> <p>The Panel noted that, despite the above, the Chairman was continuing preparation an alternative report.</p>	TO/DS
29/04/10, Item 10 515/17(8)	<p>6. Depositor Compensation Scheme</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of a copy of the Business Deposits Survey and an explanation of how the recipients of that Survey were selected. The Panel agreed that it would write to the Small Business Group of the Jersey Chamber of Commerce to ask about its view of the Survey.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to ask the Economic Development Department for a list of Survey recipients and respondents.</p>	TO/DS TO/DS
29/04/10, Item 11 515/15(8)	<p>7. 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 recalled that it had previously agreed to aim to present its Report by the end of April 2010.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would be sent a reminder to forward the Jersey Hospitality Association accounts information to the Officers for distribution to the Panel. It was also noted that the Officers were awaiting the previously agreed return of the Review File from the Chairman.</p>	TO/MH MH

29/04/10, Item 12 515/18(8)	8. Rural Economy Strategy The Panel received an update on the progress of the Rural Economy Strategy Sub-Panel and an outline of the proposed timetable of work.	
29/04/10, Item 13 515/19(8)	9. Harbours and Airport The Chairman advised the Panel that the meeting of the Sub-Panel that he had proposed to arrange subsequent to the Panel's last meeting, had not taken place. He would be seeking to arrange the first meeting of the Sub-Panel later in the week, in order to begin drafting Terms of Reference and a Scoping Document.	MH
29/04/10, Item 14 515/3(8)	10. Skills Executive/Youth Unemployment/Training The Panel noted that progress of this Review was being delayed by the Panel's other ongoing work.	
29/04/10, Item 16	11. Intellectual Property The Panel considered a short-list of potential advisers and agreed to contact those candidates in order to ascertain availability to undertake the Review within the Panel's timetable, and associated fees.	TO/DS
20/04/09, Item 2	12. Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority The Panel considered the possibility of undertaking a Review in relation to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority. It agreed that it would consider the matter further at its next meeting, and requested a background paper on the relationship between the Economic Development Department and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority.	TO/DS
	13. Topic Proposals The Panel considered Review Topic Proposals from members of the Public; one regarding Trading Standards and the role of the Citizen's Advice Bureau, the other regarding the Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority. The Panel agreed to write to the proposer of the Trading Standards Review to advise that the Panel would not be undertaking a Review, but that there may be a related Private Member's Proposition lodged shortly for debate by the States. The Panel agreed that it would write to the proposer of the Jersey Competition and Regulatory Authority Review to advise that the Panel would be considering the matter further and was currently undertaking background research.	TO/DS TO/DS
	14. Future Meetings The Panel agreed that its next meeting would take place on Monday 4th May 2010 at 9am in Le Capelain Room, States Building. It further noted that the Quarterly Update Meeting with the Minister for Economic Development would take place at 10am on 4th May. The Panel agreed that draft topic areas for discussion should be circulated to the Panel for consideration of potential questions.	TO/DS

Signed

Date:



4 May 2010

Chairman, Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel