

# Public Accounts Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Present	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy J.A. Martin Deputy S.M. Wickenden
Apologies	Mr. G. Drinkwater Mr. R.J. Parker Mr. M.J. Robinson
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General Mr. I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee

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	<b>A1. Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September were confirmed.	
<b>Item A2</b> <b>14.09.15</b> <b>512/1/1(8)</b>	<b>A2. Conflicts of Interest</b> Deputy S.M. Wickenden notified the Committee that he was in discussions with the Chief Minister regarding a possible role as either an advisor or member of a political oversight group concerning the ongoing e-government project.  The Committee noted the position and recommended that Deputy Wickenden obtain terms of reference for any role he was being invited to accept and to forward the same to the Chairmen's Committee for consideration.	<b>Deputy Wickenden</b>
<b>Item A3</b> <b>14.09.15</b> <b>512/1/1(1)</b>	<b>A3. Work Programme</b> The Committee noted an updated report concerning the status of its work programme for 2015 and beyond.  The Committee was notified that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were due to meet the Minister for Treasury and Resources and the Treasurer of the States on 15th October 2015 to discuss the measures being taken to enhance the shareholder management function within the Treasury and Resources Department. The Committee noted that the Chairman would update the Committee at its next scheduled meeting.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Item A1</b> <b>02.10.15</b> <b>512/27</b>	<b>A4. Public Sector Reform Programme</b> The Committee noted that its final report had been presented to the States on 5th October 2015 as PAC.3/2015 and that a response from the Chief Minister's Department to the recommendations made in the report should be expected by 16th November 2015.	<b>Clerk</b>

<p><b>Item A4</b> <b>14.09.15</b> <b>510/1(5)</b></p>	<p><b>A5. Terms of Reference and Code of Practice</b> The Committee considered the Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee, together with a covering report prepared by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Committee, having noted that the Chairmen’s Committee was engaged in a review of the Code of Practice, agreed that members should give further consideration to the existing Code and exchange views as necessary in advance of the Committee’s next scheduled meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item A8</b> <b>14.09.15</b> <b>512/25</b></p>	<p><b>A6. Financial Directions</b> The Committee, having noted the executive response to its report PAC.2/2015, agreed that it should invite representatives of the Treasury and Resources Department to attend the next scheduled meeting of the Committee and explain how the work to update Financial Directions was progressing.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b>Item A6</b> <b>15.06.15</b> <b>512/1/1(6)</b></p>	<p><b>A7. Private Patients Income</b> The Committee received and considered a supplementary response to the Comptroller and Auditor General’s report R.51/2015.</p> <p>The Committee was pleased to conclude that the Health and Social Services Department had devised a comprehensive implementation plan that appeared capable of generating material improvement within reasonable timescales.</p> <p>The Committee noted the supplementary response and agreed that it was not minded to launch a follow-up review of income from private patients.</p>	
<p><b>Item A7</b> <b>14.09.15</b> <b>512/28</b></p>	<p><b>A8. Financial Management</b> The Committee considered a scoping document and draft terms of reference for a proposed review of financial management.</p> <p>The Committee, having made certain minor revisions so as to clarify the scope of the review, approved the terms of reference and scoping document and agreed that they should be forwarded to the Chairmen’s Committee for noting as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Turning to the matter of preparation and the scheduling of hearings, the Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) agreed that it was minded to request the attendance of as many accounting officers as possible at one of a number of public hearings to be scheduled between December 2015 and February 2016, and</li> <li>(b) requested that the Comptroller and Auditor General make arrangements to brief the Committee in detail during November regarding her findings as recorded in R.38/2014.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>512/1/1(1)</b></p>	<p><b>A9. Financial Report and Accounts 2014</b> The Committee received a briefing from Mr. J. Rickett and Mr. C. Hughes, representing PWC, regarding the external audit of the States of Jersey Financial Report and Accounts 2014.</p>	

	The Committee agreed that it should request similar briefings from the external auditors in subsequent years.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Item A9 14.09.15 512/1/1(1)</b>	<b>A10. Comptroller and Auditor General – Work Programme</b> The Committee – (a) noted a draft project specification for a review of management information in the Education, Sport and Culture Department; (b) noted a draft project specification for a review of the use of management consultants; and, (c) received an oral update regarding the status of the Jersey Audit Office Audit Plan 2015 – 2016 and a review of the e-government project.	
<b>Item A9 06.07.15 512/1/1(6)</b>	<b>A11. Information Security</b> The Committee received further information concerning the Comptroller and Auditor General’s report on information security within the States of Jersey (R.75/2015 refers).  The Committee, having noted the summary response from the Chief Minister’s Department in respect of R.75/2015, agreed that it should request a briefing from the Chief Minister’s Department in early course regarding the steps being taken to address the recommendations made by the Comptroller and Auditor General.	<b>Officer</b>

Signed

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