Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Migration and Population Sub-Panel PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: 14th October 2009

Meeting 17

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman
	Deputy T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman
	Deputy C.F. Labey
	Deputy D.J. de Sousa
Apologies	
Absent	Deputy D.J.A. Wimberley
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	1. New Member	
513/18(8)	The Chairman welcomed Deputy D.J. de Sousa to her first meeting of the Sub-Panel.	
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513/18(8)	The Sub-Panel approved and signed the record of its meeting of 16th September 2009.	
	3. Migration	
513/18(8)	The Sub-Panel noted that the public consultation undertaken by the Migration Advisory Group on Part 2 of the draft Migration legislation had ended but that copies of the submissions received by the Group had not yet been forwarded for the Sub-Panel's consideration.	
	It was noted that a briefing on the information technology systems to be used under Migration legislation would be provided by the Population Office on 28th October 2009. The Sub-Panel identified areas it would wish to cover and requested the Scrutiny Officer to collate these and circulate the resultant document by e-mail. The Sub-Panel also identified documents that it considered to be of potential relevance and requested the Officer to obtain them.	WM
	The Sub-Panel was advised that the Scrutiny Office had contacted the expert advisor, Dr. P. Boden, and that Dr. Boden would review the work previously undertaken, and brief the Sub-Panel, in order that unnecessary duplication could be avoided. It was noted that there remained sufficient budget for this work to be undertaken by the advisor.	PB
	The Sub-Panel was advised that comments from Senator T.J. Le Main, Minister for Housing, on Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants'	

	Deposits (P.130/2009) had indicated that adoption of the proposition would likely cause a delay in the new Migration Law. It was noted that, given that P.130/2009 had been adopted, the Scrutiny Office had contacted the Population Office to ascertain what impact would be had on the progress of the Migration legislation.	
	The Sub-Panel agreed it should invite the Migration Advisory Group to a Public Hearing on 25th November 2009.	WM
	4. Population	
513/18(8)	The Sub-Panel considered and approved an evaluation of its review of Population Policy. It was noted that the timetable available for the review had been dictated by the Executive.	
	The Sub-Panel was advised that the Vice-Chairman had met the Scrutiny Officer and that meetings between the Vice-Chairman and the relevant Officers would be established in order that the Vice-Chairman could follow up the recommendations made in <i>Population Policy</i> (SR3/2009). The Vice-Chairman was requested to look into questions surrounding the pension age. It was noted that the Vice-Chairman's work respected a revised format that had been developed for Ministerial Responses and the follow-up to Scrutiny Reports. The Officer was requested to circulate by e-mail a copy of the Ministerial Response in the revised format.	₩M
	The Sub-Panel noted that a Hearing had been arranged with Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister, on 25th November 2009. It was agreed that the Sub-Panel's expert advisor should be in attendance on that day and on the previous day, in order that the Sub-Panel might prepare for the Hearing.	
	5. Future Meetings	
513/18(8)	The Sub-Panel noted it would next meet on 28th October 2009.	-

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Date 38/10/09