

# Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 12th June 2013

Meeting No: 54

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman
Apologies	Connétable M.J. Paddock
In attendance	Strategy Manager Economic Development (Items 5 and 6)  Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs J. Hales, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Record of Meeting</b></p> <p>The record of the Panel's meeting held on 23rd May 2013 was approved by the Panel and signed accordingly by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>23/05/13 Item 2  515/3(20)</p>	<p><b>2. McKinsey Review</b></p> <p>The Panel was informed by the Chairman of an agreement reached with the Chief Minister for it to receive confidential documentation relating to the McKinsey Report from Jersey Finance. Upon signing confidentially agreements, the Panel would be able to consider the documents over the course of several days, before returning them at a meeting with representatives of Jersey Finance. This meeting would also offer the opportunity for the Panel to ask questions about the content of the documents, and to discuss the appropriate approach to any further work given their commercial sensitivities.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to request that arrangements be made for collection of the documents on Thursday 4th July, with the subsequent meeting to be arranged for the morning of 10th July.</p>	JH/TO
<p>23/05/13 Item 4  515/27</p>	<p><b>3. Tourism Shadow Board</b></p> <p>The publication of recent appointments to the Tourism Shadow Board was noted by the Panel. Following up its report S.R.1/2013, it was agreed that an update meeting with the Tourism Shadow Board Chairman would be sought, to discuss the progress made to date and the timetable for development of the new Tourism Strategy.</p>	JH/TO
<p>23/05/13 Item 6  515/28</p>	<p><b>4. Digital Skills/Digital Jersey</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Vice-Chairman on the progress of the Digital Skills Sub-Panel Review, and was advised about an expected delay, until late July, of receipt of the draft IT Skills Strategy from the Education, Sport and Culture Department. In the meantime, the Sub-Panel was making arrangements for potential informal background briefings, and other areas of research were being pursued.</p>	

<p>23/05/13 Item 7</p> <p>515/24</p>	<p><b>5. Financial Services Ombudsman</b></p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Strategy Manager from the Economic Development Department, who provided a detailed update on the progress of drafting the Financial Services Ombudsman legislation. It was noted that significant progress continued to be made with Guernsey counterparts on this pan-island issue, with further political progress anticipated there shortly. Therefore, while certain issues were subject to further stakeholder discussions, the Primary Legislation was in the final stages of drafting and should be available ahead of the summer recess to the Panel to begin to review publically. It remained the intention that the Ombudsman would be operational, as previously outlined, early in 2014.</p>	
<p>515/1(29)</p>	<p><b>6. Gambling</b></p> <p>The Strategy Manager from the Economic Development Department further provided a detailed briefing on the relevant responsibilities of the Department regarding public lotteries and gambling, and its relationship with the Jersey Gambling Commission.</p>	
<p>23/05/13 Item 8</p> <p>515/3(19)</p>	<p><b>7. Enterprise Strategy</b></p> <p>The Panel recalled that it has previously received a Programme Plan from the Economic Development Department, which advised that a draft Enterprise Strategy White Paper would be produced during the week commencing 27th May 2013, ahead of the lodging of an associated Proposition. However, the Panel was advised that the Department had since revised its plan, and the draft Strategy would be circulated to targeted stakeholders for consultation, before being presented as a report to the States. The precise timetable had not been established at this time.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would request receipt of the submissions arising from the Department's consultation, before deciding what work it might undertake in reviewing the Strategy.</p>	<p>JH/TO</p>
<p>23/05/13 Item 12</p> <p>515/23</p>	<p><b>8. Aircraft Registry</b></p> <p>Recent correspondence between the Minister for Economic Development and the Minister for Commerce and Employment in Guernsey, outlining Jersey's preferred approach to the aircraft registry project, was noted by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it continued to be disappointed at the scale and pace of progress being made by the Economic Development Department on the matter, and would raise its concerns at the planned Quarterly Update Public Hearing.</p>	<p>JH/TO</p>
<p>23/05/13 Item 15</p> <p>515/1(24)</p>	<p><b>9. Security Interests (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-</b></p> <p>The Panel received the draft Security Interests (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and noted arrangements for a related briefing at the Panel's next meeting on 25th June.</p>	
<p>510/1(83)</p>	<p><b>10. Financial Services: Transfer of Ministerial Responsibilities</b></p> <p>P.75/2013, draft Regulations relating to the transfer of certain Ministerial responsibilities, including from the Minister for Economic Development to the Chief Minister, was considered by the Panel along</p>	

	<p>with related Ministerial Decisions. It was agreed that the implications of this matter for the Minister for Economic Development would be followed up at the next Quarterly Update Public Hearing.</p> <p>Additionally, the Chairman informed the Panel that concerns about the impact on Scrutiny of issues arising out of P.75/2013 were being addressed by the Chairmen's Committee. When discussing the matter, the Chairmen's Committee had been in agreement that all of the responsibilities that were currently acknowledged to be within the Panel's remit should continue to be so, as they remained most appropriately within its remit. Discussions would be sought with the Bailiff to ascertain if this could be achieved within the Standing Orders of the States.</p>	<b>JH/TO</b>
	<p><b>11. Review Budget and Expenditure</b></p> <p>The Panel's 2013 Review expenditure to date was noted.</p>	
<p><b>8/5/13 Item 10  515/1(29)</b></p>	<p><b>12. Briefing Visits</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed the following arrangements for planned site visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Economy – 26th June, 2pm.</li> <li>• Ports of Jersey – St Helier Harbour – 1st July, 3pm.</li> <li>• Jersey Gambling Commission – to be confirmed</li> </ul> <p>The Panel recalled its visit to Jersey Business and Digital Jersey on 6th June, and agreed that it was very grateful to both organisations for what had been an extremely informative visit.</p>	
	<p><b>17. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 25th June 2013, at 9.30am, Scrutiny Meeting Room, Morier House.</p> <p>It also agreed to seek to hold a Quarterly Update Public Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development on 4th July. Due to the Minister's acknowledged restricted availability, should he not be available to attend, nor one of his Assistant Minister's in his place, it was agreed that the Chief Minister would be requested to appear on behalf of the Minister.</p>	<b>JH/TO</b>