

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Minutes of 13th meeting held on 12th May 2006
Le Capelain Room, States Building

Present Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman
Senator J L Perchard, Vice-Chairman
Connétable D Murphy
Deputy J Gallichan
Connétable J L S Gallichan

Absent

In attendance Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer
Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer
Mr. R. Teather, Expert adviser
Mr B Curtis, Local expert adviser

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1. Item 5b 05.05.06	<p>Review of Goods and Services Tax</p> <p>The Panel met with its adviser to discuss the key issues to be considered in the review and potential witnesses.</p> <p>It was noted that Constable M. Jackson had agreed to join the Sub Panel but that Deputy A. Breckon had declined through the pressure of other workload.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it was important to call for submissions from a broad representation of groups across the Island and requested that a letter be sent to a list of consultees. It was agreed that the time limit for submissions would coincide with the Treasury's own consultation period. The deadline therefore would be 20th June 2006.</p> <p>The Panel agreed provisional dates for public hearings on 27th & 28th June and 12th & 13th July 2006, with further hearings to be decided as necessary. These dates to be in co-ordination with the hearings for review of the Zero/ten design proposal.</p> <p>The Panel requested that a press release be prepared for issue early the following week and for a formal notice of the review to be inserted in the Jersey Evening Post.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
2. Item 5 05.05.06	<p>Presentation from Treasury and Resources Minister</p> <p>The Minister, accompanied by the Comptroller of Income Tax, the Director of International Finance and Mr B. Coutanche, Crown Agents, attended the Panel for a confidential discussion on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GST Financial Services Consultation paper • Zero/ten design proposal • 20% means 20% proposals 	
3. Item 5c 05.05.06	<p>Review of Zero/Ten Design proposal</p> <p>Members of the Sub Panel joined the Panel for the above presentation from the Minister, following which a discussion was held on the key issues and potential witnesses. The Panel agreed that it was essential to investigate what had brought about the changes from the original outline proposals.</p>	

	<p>The Panel formulated draft terms of reference for the review and agreed to publish them in the Jersey Evening Post the following week, subject to any revision following further consideration. Members were requested to send any such comments to the Scrutiny Office early next week.</p> <p>The Panel considered a list of organisations to be consulted and requested that a letter be sent requesting written submissions, with a time limit of 30th June 2006. It also agreed to contact the Tax Justice Network for its views of the design proposals.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman of the Sub Panel would issue a press release early next week.</p> <p>The Panel requested that enquiries be made regarding possible visits to be made to Guernsey and the Isle of Man in order to discuss their fiscal strategies with relevant members of the government in those jurisdictions</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH/SP</p> <p>SP</p>
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Chairman, Corporate Services Panel

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