

# Public Accounts Committee

## Record of Meeting

Date: 18th May 2015

Present	Deputy A.D. Lewis, Chairman Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Vice-Chairman Connétable C.H. Taylor Deputy J.A. Martin Mr. G. Drinkwater Mr. R.J. Parker Mr. M.J. Robinson
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. K. McConnell, Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Mr. I. Clarkson, Committee Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The records of the meetings held on 20th April and 24th April 2015 were approved and signed.</p>	<b>Officer</b>
	<p><b>2. Conflicts of Interest</b></p> <p>No new conflicts of interest were declared.</p> <p>Connétable C.H. Taylor re-stated his previously declared indirect conflict of interest regarding the Sea Cadets, having noted that a project to relocate the Sea Cadets to Port Galots, St. Helier was to be raised during the course of the Committee's public hearings on Financial Directions. The declaration was duly noted by the Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Item A1 11.05.15 512.24</b></p>	<p><b>3. Andium Homes – Repairs and Maintenance</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that its final report was due to be presented to the States on 19th May 2015 and that the Chairman would release a suitable accompanying statement to the media.</p>	<b>Officer</b>
<p><b>Item 4 20.04.15</b></p>	<p><b>4. Financial Management</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that both the Chief Executive and the Treasurer of the States had yet to forward to the Committee a response to the C&amp;AG's report concerning financial management (R.38/2015 refers). Although a draft response had been received on Saturday 16th May, it was apparent that the draft might be amended following further officer and ministerial input.</p> <p>Having noted the position, the Committee resolved to consider at its</p>	

	<p>next scheduled meeting the finalized executive response and the matter of a possible follow-up review. In the intervening period, the Committee instructed its officer to obtain finalized responses from the executive as soon as possible or to report back on 15th June with any reasons offered by executive departments for any ongoing delay.</p> <p>On a related matter, the Committee agreed that subsequent agendas should include, as a standing item, a report on completed and outstanding committee actions and other relevant activity.</p>	<p><b>Officer</b></p> <p><b>Officer</b></p>
	<p><b>5. Private Patients Income</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the presentation to the States of the C&amp;AG's report entitled 'Private Patients Income.' It further noted that the Chairman had written to the Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department seeking a response to the recommendations by 11th June.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to consider during its next scheduled meeting whether to undertake a follow-up review of the Private Patients Income report.</p>	<p><b>PAC / Officer</b></p>
<p><b>Item 5</b> <b>20.04.15</b>  <b>512.27</b></p>	<p><b>6. Public Sector Reform</b></p> <p>The Committee received and considered further documentation from the Chief Minister's Department concerning the purpose, the progress of and the resources allocated to the Public Sector Reform programme between 2012 and 2015.</p> <p>The Committee considered the extent to which the programme vision had been articulated to, and was understood by, stakeholder groups other than the Council of Ministers. It further considered the matter of programme outcomes to be achieved by 2018 and available information in respect of the reportedly ongoing workstreams concerning, culture, e-government, workforce modernization, office modernization and Lean. The Committee also noted the extent of the information available regarding programme expenditure since 2012.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the Chief Minister's Department had not clarified the extent to which the documentation it had provided was classified as exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. Documents supplied by that department had either not been marked with an exemption clause or remained classified solely as 'policy in the course of development' under the superseded Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information. The Committee's officer was instructed to make suitable enquiries to clarify the position.</p> <p>The Committee reaffirmed its terms of reference for a review of the programme but adjusted the scope of its review so as to concentrate primarily, but not exclusively, on the period May 2012 – December 2014. It further resolved to conduct a public hearing on or around 15th June 2015 and, in this regard, agreed that the Chairman should invite the Chief Executive, States of Jersey and other suitable senior public servants to give evidence at the hearing.</p>	<p><b>Officer</b></p> <p><b>Chair / Officer</b></p>

<p><b>Item 6</b> <b>20.04.15</b></p> <p><b>512.25</b></p>	<p><b>7. Financial Directions</b></p> <p>The Committee held 2 public hearings with the following witnesses in attendance –</p> <p><u>Hearing 1 – Chief Minister’s Department</u></p> <p>Chief Executive, States of Jersey Director of Human Resources</p> <p><u>Hearing 2 – Treasury and Resources Department</u></p> <p>Treasurer of the States Chief Internal Auditor</p> <p>The Committee resolved to consider transcripts of the hearings during the course of its next scheduled meeting.</p>	<p><b>PAC/ Officer</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7</b> <b>20.04.15</b></p>	<p><b>8. Comptroller and Auditor General – Work Programme</b></p> <p>The Committee –</p> <p>(a) noted a draft project specification for a further review of financial management (monitoring, forecasting and financial and performance reporting) to be conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and</p> <p>(b) received a short oral briefing regarding a forthcoming report on information security.</p>	