

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 10th February 2010

Meeting Number: 37

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérisssier, Chairman Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman Deputy M. Tadier
Apologies	Connétable G. F. Butcher
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. L. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

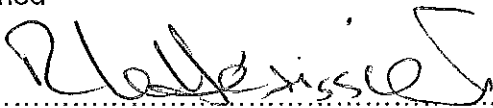
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	<p>1. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The records of the meetings of 16th December 2009; 4th January 2010; 26th January 2010 and 29th January 2010 were approved and signed.</p>	
	<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 16th December 2009. The Panel further noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meetings of 17th December 2009 and 28th January 2010.</p>	
	<p>3. Public Hearings with Ministers for Education, Sport and Culture and Home Affairs</p> <p>(a) The Panel discussed the question plans in preparation for the Public Hearings with the Ministers.</p> <p>(b) The Panel welcomed Deputy J.G. Reed, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to the meeting at 10.00am, together with Deputy A.T. Dupré, Assistant Minister, and Chief Officer, Mr M. Lundy. The Panel commenced formal questioning of the Minister based on issues relevant to the department's remit.</p> <p>The Panel further welcomed Senator B.I. Le Marquand, the Minister for Home Affairs to the meeting at 11.45am, together with Deputy J.A. Hilton, Assistant Minister, and Chief Officer, Mr S. Austin-Vautier. The Panel commenced formal questioning of the Minister based on issues relevant to the department's remit.</p>	
Item 3 16.12.09 516/19(8)	<p>4. Schools Suspension Review</p> <p>The Sub-Panel Chairman provided an update on this review. It was noted that the Sub-Panel had undertaken fact-finding visits to D'Hautree House; St James; St Saviour's; Grainville and Haute Vallee Schools. It was further noted that the Sub-Panel held the final Hearings for this review on the 29th January, where the headteachers from Jersey</p>	

	College for Girls; Victoria College; Beaulieu and De La Salle provided evidence for the Sub-Panel's review. The Sub-Panel Chairman informed the Panel that the Sub-Panel would now begin the process of producing its draft report.	
Item 4 16.12.09 516/22(8)	5. Higher Education Fees Review The Panel noted that the Department for Education, Sport and Culture was currently undertaking its own review into this issue. The Panel therefore agreed that its review would be placed on hold until the Department had completed its own review and the Panel could consider the outcome.	
Item 1 29.01.10 516/23(8)	6. Political Education Review The Panel noted that the terms of reference for this review had been sent to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture for comment, with a deadline to respond by the 12 th February. Following this the call for evidence for this review would be issued.	
Item 15 16.12.09 516/17(8)	7. Prison Board of Visitors Review The Panel noted a letter of the 4 th January 2010 from the Minister for Home Affairs, regarding the Panel's response to the Minister's response for this review.	
Item 3 14.10.09 516/16(8)	8. Fort Regent Review The Panel noted the Ministerial Response to this review.	
Item 5 16.12.09 516/1(44)	9. 2010 Work Programme The Panel noted and discussed a letter from the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the Panel's 2010 Work Programme, and namely the proposed review into succession within the States of Jersey Police Service. The Panel requested a response to be drafted to the Minister confirming that the Panel's review into this issue would be focused on the general policy of succession planning within the States of Jersey Police Service, and would not include any consideration of the roles of individual police officers.	EL/SP
	10. The Children's Plan The Panel discussed a letter from the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the production of the Children's Plan. It was agreed that this was an issue the Panel may wish to review at a future date.	
	11. Education, Sport and Culture 2010 Reviews The Panel noted a document outlining the reviews to be undertaken by the Education, Sport and Culture Department during 2010.	
	12. Forthcoming Propositions The Panel noted that there were no forthcoming propositions lodged au Greffe pertinent to its remit.	
	11. Ministerial Decisions The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit.	
	12. Questions to Ministers The Panel noted that the Minister for Transport and Technical Services	

	and the Minister for Economic Development would take questions without notice at the States sitting of the 23 rd February 2010, and that the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 9 th March 2010.	
	<p>13. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled for the 17th March 2010 at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	
	<p>15. Any Other Business</p> <p>(a) Memo from the Chairmen's Committee</p> <p>The Panel discussed a memo from the Chairmen's Committee and agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Press Briefing Annual Report 2009: The Panel requested for the following areas to be raised during the press briefing on the Annual Report 2009: Prison Board of Visitors; Fort Regent; School Suspensions. 2. Agendas for working (administrative meetings): The Panel agreed its agendas would continue to be in public session, with the exception of any personal or sensitive issues that the Panel would wish to discuss in private session under Standing Order 138(6). 3. Review of the Roles of the Crown Officers: The Panel agreed it wished to make a submission to this review, and requested the officers to circulate draft comments for consideration by email in advance of forwarding its final comments to the Chairmen's Committee by the required deadline of the 10th March 2010. <p>(b) Connétable G Butcher Resignation</p> <p>The Panel noted that Connétable Butcher would be resigning from the Panel with immediate effect.</p>	EL/SP

Signed

Date:



15/03/10

Chairman
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