

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 3rd October 2013

Meeting No: 108

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Connetable D.W. Mezbourian Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Power
Absent	
In attendance	Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 1] Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 1] Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States [Item 1] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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24/07/13 Item 8 513/1(40)	1. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources The Panel received Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, for a Quarterly Public Hearing. The Minister was accompanied by Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, and Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States. The hearing was recorded in order that a transcript could be made.	
25/09/13 Item 1 513/1(40)	2. Fiscal Policy Panel The Panel recalled that, on 25th September 2013, it had met the Fiscal Policy Panel (FPP). Consideration was given to the purpose of such meetings with the FPP and it was recalled that a list of topics had been identified by the Panel prior to the meeting. It was agreed that, in future, any such list of topics identified for discussion by the Panel would be shared with the FPP in advance of the meeting.	WM
	3. Records of Meetings The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 22nd August and 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th September 2013. The Panel also approved the private record of the meeting held on 9th September 2013. The records were signed accordingly.	
04/09/13 Item 3 513/36	4. Population and Migration The Panel recalled its agreement that the views of the Chief Statistician would be sought in respect of the recommendation made in <i>Population and Migration Part 2</i> (SR2/2013) that, three months before the debate on the Population Policy, the Chief Minister should request the Chief Statistician to provide his view on when the register would be statistically viable as a rolling measure of the Island's population. It was noted that the views of the Chief Statistician had yet to be received.	SM

	<p>The Panel noted that paperwork in respect of the Long-Term Plan had been received and circulated. The Panel was advised that the Council of Ministers would discuss population policy at its next meeting. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to confirm the current timetable for development of both the Long-Term Plan and the Population Policy. It was agreed to include questioning on the matter at the next Quarterly Public Hearing with Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister.</p> <p>Consideration was given to whether the Chairmen's Committee had discussed scrutiny of the Long-Term Plan. The Panel was advised that the Committee had yet to undertake such discussions.</p>	WM
<p>10/09/13 Item 1 513/40</p>	<p>5. 2014 Budget</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it had requested information and documentation at the briefing on the Draft 2014 Budget Statement which it had received on 9th September 2013. The Panel was advised that the information had yet to be received and that the matter had been followed up with the Department of Treasury and Resources.</p> <p>The Panel noted that initial thoughts had been received from its advisors, MJO Consulting and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). Consideration was given to the stakeholders from whom the Panel would wish to hear during the review and it was agreed that representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Institute of Directors (IoD) would be invited to attend public hearings. It was also agreed that written submissions would be sought directly from Jersey Finance and the Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT). Consideration was given to which other bodies and individuals could be invited to make written submissions and it was noted that a call for evidence would be made once the Draft Budget Statement had been made public and that it would be possible for any interested person or party to make such a submission.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a public hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources would be held on 11th October 2013 for which the apologies of Connétable D.W. Mezbourian were received. The Panel was advised that a second hearing with the Minister had been provisionally scheduled for 24th October 2013. It was agreed that a second hearing would indeed be necessary.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to request from the Department of Treasury and Resources a breakdown of taxpayers by the rate at which they paid tax and confirmation of the overall tax take by group.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>05/09/13 Item 1 513/37(4)</p>	<p>6. Public Finances Law Amendments</p> <p>The Panel noted that expenditure on its review of <i>Draft Public Finances (Jersey) Law (Amendment No.4) 201-</i> (P.73/2013) had amounted to £8,965.32 from a budget of £11,200.</p>	
<p>04/09/13 Item 12 513/1(40)</p>	<p>7. Quarterly Public Hearing with the Chief Minister</p> <p>The Panel considered a question plan for the Quarterly Public Hearing with the Chief Minister due to take place on 10th October 2013. Amendments and additions were agreed which the Scrutiny Officer was requested to enact. It was noted that Connétable D.W. Mezbourian, if she were able to attend, would not ask questions in respect of the Modernisation Programme due to her membership of the States Employment Board (SEB).</p>	WM

	8. Future Meetings The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 16th October 2013.	
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