

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Meeting 30

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Record of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the records of its meetings of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Action Updates</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions requested at its previous meetings.</p>	
27/05/09, Item 2	<p><b>3. Public Finances Law – Proposed Changes</b></p> <p>The Panel recalled its intention to present comments on <i>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005: Proposed Changes (P.54/2009)</i> but that its other work commitments had not allowed sufficient time for comments to be drafted. Noting that the proposition would be debated on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009, it was agreed that comments from the Panel were no longer required.</p>	
27/05/09, Item 5 513/15(8)	<p><b>4. Deemed Rent</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that a Ministerial Response to <i>Deemed Rent (P.61/2008)</i> (SR2/2009) had not yet been received.</p>	
	<p><b>5. Chairmen's Committee Briefing Notes</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee No. 16 dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Council of Minister's Part B Papers.</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that Part B papers of the Council of Ministers relating to the following matters had been distributed to the Panel following a request by the Chairman in accordance with Paragraph 9.23 of <i>Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States of Jersey Development Company</li> <li>• Tax Information Exchange Agreement</li> <li>• Capital Programme 2010 – 2014</li> <li>• Request for Additional Funding – Article 11(8)</li> <li>• 2010 Business Plan Update</li> <li>• Comptroller and Auditor General - Savings</li> </ul>	

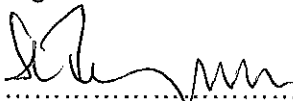
	All the papers had been considered by the Council of Ministers on 7th May 2009 in private session under Article 3.2.1(a)(xiv) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i> .	
08/06/09, Item 1  513/19 (8)	<p><b>7. Economic Stimulus Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel noted its report had been presented on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as SR4/2009 and that the review had been completed on time and within budget. The Panel noted that, although a large invoice was outstanding from the advisor, £2,749.00 had been spent from the budget of £15,300.00. The Panel expressed its gratitude to the officers for their work. It was noted that the Ministerial Response to the report would be due at the end of July 2009. It was further noted that copies of papers subsequently considered by the Council of Ministers, as well as records of the Council's consideration, would be required in due course.</p> <p>In order to maintain a watching brief on the process, a specific hearing was to be arranged with the Minister for Treasury and Resources, if possible on 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> July during the luncheon recess of the States.</p>	MR  MR
22/04/09, Item 2	<p><b>8. Quarterly Hearings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next Quarterly Hearings with the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources were imminent. It was noted that part of the Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources might need to be held in private session.</p>	
27/05/09, Item 8  513/20(8)	<p><b>9. Finance Sub-Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the ground work had been completed and it was ready to commence its report. The advisor, Professor M. Oliver was invited to submit his report for the Panel to consider.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the review was progressing within budget with £1,780.00 of the £18,400.00 budget having been spent. It also noted that further invoices were to be expected from the advisor.</p>	MR
29/05/09, Item 1  513/18(8)	<p><b>10. Migration and Population Sub-Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its report, <i>Population Policy</i> (SR3/2009), had been presented to the States on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. It was further noted that Deputy G.P. Southern had resigned from the Migration and Population Sub-Panel. The Panel was advised that a meeting between the Sub-Panel and Senator P.F. Routier, Chairman of the Migration Advisory Group, would be arranged in due course.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of an invoice for £1,500 from the Sub-Panel's expert advisor. It was noted that payment of the invoice would bring total expenditure on the review to £4,640.78 out of the initial budget of £25,700.</p>	
27/05/09, Item 11  513/16(8)	<p><b>11. Waterfront Enterprise Board</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the Ministerial Response to <i>Waterfront Enterprise Board (P.12/2009)</i> (SR1/2009).</p> <p>The Panel considered and approved an evaluation of the review of <i>Waterfront Enterprise Board: Revised Memorandum and Articles of Association (P.12/2009)</i>. It was noted that the evaluation would be forwarded to the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	WM
27/05/09, Item 11	<p><b>12. Jersey Development Company Limited</b></p> <p>The Panel considered its approach to <i>Property and Infrastructure</i></p>	

	<p><i>Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.79/2009).</i> The Panel agreed it would need to consider if the proposal was fit for purpose and whether the recommendations made in <i>Review into the Proposed Establishment of the Jersey Enterprise Board (SR9/2008)</i> had been followed.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Chairman had spoken with the Chief Minister and that the proposition would not be debated on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009, as currently foreseen, to allow the Panel sufficient time to review it. It was agreed to advise the Chief Minister that the Panel would be able to report by the beginning of October 2009. Noting that Connétable D.J. Murphy would be conflicted in relation to the review (due to his membership of the Waterfront Enterprise Board), it was agreed that the Chairman would contact other Scrutiny Panel Chairmen, as well as Connétables S.A. Yates and P.F.M. Hanning, to establish which Members might wish to be involved in the review. It was also agreed that enquiries would be made as to the identity of the advisor used by the previous Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel when reviewing proposals for the establishment of the Jersey Enterprise Board.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>SF</p> <p>WM</p>
27/05/09, Item 16	<p><b>13. Strategic Plan</b></p> <p>In considering whether Article 18(2)(e) of States of Jersey (Jersey) Law 2005 should be amended, the Panel recognised that there was no requirement to undertake this review at the expense of its current work programme. However, it was a review for the future and could be a short, sharp review with hearings to establish evidence from various sources, followed by the production of a report or proposition. As such, the review was to be placed in order of low priority in the work programme. It was also agreed the Chairman would discuss the matter with the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	<p>WM / MR</p> <p>SF</p>
27/05/09, Item 4	<p><b>14. Annual Business Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the cancellation of the briefing from the Comptroller and Auditor General on Tuesday on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 due to ill health and requested the Scrutiny Manager re-arrange the briefing as convenient. It was noted that the Chairman would meet the Comptroller and Auditor General and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009.</p> <p>It was noted that the Public Accounts Committee would be looking at the previous year's Business Plan to establish what had been done. The Panel considered there was a need to examine performance measures and to undertake a comparison between this year and last year. It seemed appropriate for this work to be undertaken during August 2009. It was recognised that there were two options for the review: the formatting of the Annual Business Plan and the overall process; or a more specific examination of the documents produced by the Departments within the Panel's remit. The impact of work undertaken by the Public Accounts Committee was to be considered and the process was to be discussed at Chairmen's Committee.</p> <p>The timescale for the Annual Business Plan would require a result by 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009. It was noted that this would only allow time for an examination of the Annual Business Plans from the perspective of the Chief Minister's Department and the Department of Treasury and Resources. It was agreed that further examination of corporate issues would be discussed with the Chairmen's Committee.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>SF</p>
	<b>15. Strategic Reserve Fund: Use for Bank Depositors'</b>	

	<p><b>Compensation Scheme (P.84/2009)</b></p> <p>The Panel considered its approach to <i>Strategic Reserve Fund: Use for Bank Depositors' Compensation Scheme (P.84/2009)</i>. It was noted that the Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel was due to undertake work on this matter and that a copy of that Panel's Terms of Reference would be required. It was agreed that the Chairman would also speak to the Chairman of the Economic Affairs Panel about this matter.</p>	<p>WM / MR SF</p>
	<p><b>16. Topic Proposal</b></p> <p>Following a submission for the panel to consider a review relating to the 'Ship2me' and 'Think Twice, Buy Local' schemes, the Panel decided that it would be appropriate to defer this matter until all Panel Members were present.</p>	<p>WM / MR</p>
<p>27/05/09, Item 6</p>	<p><b>17. Drug Trafficking Confiscation Fund</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a paper relating to the Drug Trafficking Confiscation Fund (DTCF) produced following its request at a previous meeting for further information. It was agreed that there was insufficient detail of the DTCF's accounts within the published States' accounts. It was agreed that Deputy T.A Vallois would raise the Matter with the Public Accounts Committee in the first instance.</p>	<p>TV</p>
	<p><b>18. Work Programme</b></p> <p>The Panel considered its 2009 Work Programme, as amended at its meeting on 6th May 2009. It was agreed to postpone the Public Hearing with Deputy I.J. Gorst, Chairman of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission, to September 2009 and to advise him of this fact. It was noted that subsequent work on the Waterfront Enterprise Board would be subsumed into the review of the Jersey Development Company. The Panel further noted that the review of complaints procedure and whistle-blowing policy could begin in September 2009 once work on the Annual Business Plan had been completed.</p> <p>The Panel noted that its Work programme would require further amendment to reflect the changes it had agreed.</p>	<p>WM / MR  MR / WM</p>
	<p><b>19. Visit to Westminster</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the possibility of a visit to Westminster but considered that it was too busy to be able to take advantage of the offer.</p>	
	<p><b>20. Forthcoming Propositions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the propositions that had been lodged for debate by the Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p>	
	<p><b>21. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted recent Ministerial Decisions taken by the Ministers within its remit.</p>	
	<p><b>22. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting would take place at 0930 a.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

Signed

Date:



24/06/09

Chairman, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

11<sup>th</sup> June 2009