

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(9th Meeting)

18th June 2009

PART A

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, P.J.D. Ryan and M. Magee, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator B.E. Shenton, Chairman
Senator A. Breckon
Connétable J.M. Refault of St. Peter
Deputy T.A. Vallois
Mr A.C. Fearn
Mr. K. Keen

In attendance -

C. Swinson, O.B.E., Comptroller and Auditor General
Miss A-C. Heuston, Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Procurement.
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 15th June 2009, welcomed Mr. J. Richardson, Deputy Chief Executive – Chief Officer Resources, and Mrs. C. Hastings, Director of Strategic Procurement, in connexion with its review of the procurement of goods and services on behalf of the States of Jersey.

Mr. Richardson explained that a procurement strategy was being developed which would incorporate sufficient controls and would allow departments to undertake their business in an efficient manner. Mr. Richardson explained that the objective was to ensure that the most appropriate procurement strategy for the States would be delivered which would provide staff with the most effective way to undertake their business.

The Committee discussed procurement with regard to the following –

- a) the present level of procurement control;
- b) the use of software system JD Edwards;
- c) the use of purchase cards;
- d) business processes;
- e) consolidation of the procurement process;
- f) the “Think twice, buy local” campaign;
- g) efficiency savings as outlined in commitment 6.2.9 of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011; and

h) the office strategy.

Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Hastings, having been thanked by the Chairman for their attendance, withdrew from the meeting.

Committee
membership.
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A2. The Committee noted that Mr. P.J.D. Ryan was finding it difficult to allocate time to attend the Committee's meetings. The Chairman advised that he would contact Mr. Ryan to establish whether or not he wished to continue as a member.

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