

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Meeting No. 26

9th August 2006
Blampied Room, States Building

Present Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman
Deputy J. A. Martin
Deputy K. C. Lewis
Apologies Connétable M. K. Jackson
Deputy A. Breckon
In attendance Ian Clarkson, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	Minutes of Meetings. The minutes of Meeting No. 25 (2nd August) 2006 were approved.	IC
2. Item 2 2nd August 2006	Legal Advice The Panel noted that legal advice from Advocates Hanson and Renouf had not yet been received. The Scrutiny Officer was instructed to obtain a progress report.	IC
3. Item 3 2nd August 2006	Transcript of Public Hearing 26th July 2006 An edited transcript was circulated to Panel members. The Panel noted that several answers given by the Minister for Economic Development were arguably equivocal. Individual Panel members were to pass on further questions or points of clarification to the Chairman, who would instigate the necessary enquiries through the Scrutiny Office.	Panel / NF
4. Item 4 2nd August 2006	Fulfilment Report The Panel was advised that it might only be able to call upon one officer in the coming week to support its ongoing work and that the availability of officer support in the short to medium term was less than clear. The Chairman was invited to make contact with the Scrutiny Manager in order to discuss options for facilitating progress on existing reviews.	GS / KTF

<p>5.</p>	<p>Digimap – Referral by Senator B.E. Shenton</p> <p>The Panel was advised that Senator B.E. Shenton had referred to the Environment Panel a complaint from a cartographer working in the private sector. It was understood that the complainant objected to what he believed was the ongoing creation of a States sponsored monopoly in mapping products and services in the Island. The Scrutiny Manager, having noted that the matter was possibly of relevance to both the Environment and Economic Affairs Panels, had informed Deputy G.P. Southern of the complaint.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Environment Panel would be inquiring into the matter as part of its ongoing review of the planning process. It decided to request that the Environment Panel forward copies of any documentation received in order that the Panel could assess whether any competition related or any other economic aspects of the complaint were worthy of investigation.</p>	<p>IC</p>
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Signed

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Chairman Deputy G. P. Southern
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