

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 14th March 2006

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Financial Services (Investment Business (Registration and Fees)) R&O 24/2006.
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Minister for Economic Development

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Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005. Com.
Presented: 9th March 2006. (2)
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005. Com.
Presented: 9th March 2006. (3)
Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

Establishment of a Citizen's Panel: approval by States Assembly P.16/2006.
(P.16/2006) – comments. Com.
Presented: 9th March 2006.
Council of Ministers.

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(a) Broadcasting House, Rouge Bouillon, St. Helier: 10-month lease
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(b) Maison Hurel, La Route de Plémont, St. Ouen: assignment of
lease to the Public of the Island.
Presented: 6th March 2006.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Ministerial Responsibilities: Ministers and Assistant Ministers. R.23/2006.
Presented: 7th March 2006.
Chief Minister.

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment. P.20/2006.
Lodged: 3rd March 2006. Amd.
Connétable of St. Helier.

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the Minister for Housing has informed the Greffier of the States that the following proposition lodged "au Greffe" is to be withdrawn –

Housing Trading Organisation: establishment. P.211/2005.
Lodged: 27th September 2005.
Minister for Housing, (formerly the Housing Committee).

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Appointment of unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee.
(note attached)

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions (attached)

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to questions asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier regarding the Youth Service and the proposed floating youth café.

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the sale of the flats on the Le Coie site to the Jersey Homes Trust.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the sale of the flats on the Le Coie site to the Jersey Homes Trust.

The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to questions asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the revised policy on the fulfilment industry.

The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence regarding the suspension of public sector staff.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding a working group to consider the payment of rates on publicly owned properties.

(b) – Oral Questions

The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“With reference to the recent case at the Employment Tribunal involving Highlands College, would the Minister inform members how the situation that led to the findings of the Tribunal arose and what, if anything, has been done to prevent any recurrence?”

Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Following the introduction of a new housing control appeal process where requests for appeal are firstly dealt with by the Assistant Minister and then, if any further evidence is found, by an appeal to the Minister, would the Chief Minister inform members if a similar process will continue when the Population Office is established and the new migration policy introduced?”

The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“What steps, if any, is the Minister taking to promote and develop Jersey’s links with France, what resources are allocated to the promotion of economic links and, in particular, would he state what steps he is taking to promote locally the ferry service between Granville and Jersey which is partly funded by the French authorities in Normandy?”

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister advise members what contingency plans, if any, will be put in place to enable less well-off families to deal with top up fees and would he inform the Assembly of the outcome of negotiations with the Student Loans Company?”

Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister inform members whether all decisions on the location of the composting facility, the Re-Use and Recycling Centre and the Energy from Waste Plant will be put on hold while the scrutiny review by the Environment Panel is taking place and would the Minister give details of the type of enclosed composting facility that is being considered irrespective of where it may be sited?”

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“Would the Minister identify the mechanisms that were put in place to ensure implementation of the recommendations of the 2001 Inspection Report covering HM Prison?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Will the Minister inform members of the total number of workers employed in the fulfilment industry in the period of October 2005 to January 2006 and indicate how many of these employees were (i) temporary contract staff, and (ii) non-locally qualified?”

Senator B.E. Shenton will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister give the residents of Havre des Pas his personal assurance that the composting facility at La Collette will be closed if members of the public suffer unreasonable discomfort from smells and other irritants over the coming months?”

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Would the Minister advise members whether a working mother employed five hours a day between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. for a five day week on the minimum wage currently falls below the social security low income threshold, rendering her ineligible to claim sickness and other benefits?”

The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister explain why it has been decided to make the temporary composting facility at La Collette the permanent site for this operation, and would he further explain how composting green waste in an urban location makes sense in terms of land values and traffic impacts?”

Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister confirm what other land based options, if any, have been considered alongside the planned floating youth café?”

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Would the Minister give members a breakdown of the proposed allocation of the £850,000 voted to Jersey Finance Ltd in last year’s budget and indicate what the remaining balance is at the present time?”

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) -

1st question period – Minister for Social Security.

2nd question period – Chief Minister (*in the absence of the Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister will, in accordance with Article 27(1) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, answer these questions on his behalf*).

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Minister for Housing will make a statement regarding the withdrawal of the proposition regarding the establishment of a Housing Trading Organisation (P.211/2005 lodged ‘au Greffe’ on 27th September 2005).

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Chairman of the Environment Scrutiny Panel has given notice that he will, in accordance with Standing Order 87(2)(b), propose that the proposition of Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier relating to Composting Facilities (P.258/2005 lodged “au Greffe” on 1st November 2005) be deferred from the present meeting to a later date.

Composting facilities. P.258/2005.
Lodged: 1st November 2005.
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier, (formerly in the name of Senator P.V.F. Le Claire).

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005.
Presented: 19th December 2005. Com.
Comité des Connétables.

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. P.258/2005.
Presented: 9th March 2006. Com.(2)
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Composting facilities (P.258/2005): comments. Presented: 9th March 2006. <i>Minister for Transport and Technical Services.</i>	P.258/2005. Com.(3)
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 31st January 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.9/2006.
Draft Postal Services (Transfer) (Jersey) Regulations 200- (P.9/2006): amendment. Lodged: 28th February 2006. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.9/2006. Amd.
Draft Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004 (Appointed Day) (No. 2) Act 200-. Lodged: 31st January 2006. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.8/2006.
Health and Safety Tribunal: appointment of member. Lodged: 16th February 2006. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.14/2006.
Establishment of a Citizen's Panel: approval by States Assembly. Lodged: 21st February 2006. <i>Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.</i>	P.16/2006.
Establishment of a Citizen's Panel: approval by States Assembly (P.16/2006) – comments. Presented: 9th March 2006. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.16/2006. Com.
Jersey Appointments Commission: appointment of Chairman and members. Lodged: 24th February 2006. <i>Chief Minister.</i> <i>(The Chief Minister has given notice that he will propose, in accordance with Standing Order 81, that the debate on this proposition be conducted 'in camera').</i>	P.18/2006.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

28th March 2006

Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 13th September 2005. <i>Minister for Home Affairs, (formerly the Home Affairs Committee).</i> <i>(debate suspended on 18.01.06 and remained such on 31.01.06 as item referred to Scrutiny under S.O. 79(i)).</i>	P.196/2005.
Draft Water Pollution (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-. Lodged: 2nd February 2006. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.11/2006.
Exclusivity of postal services within Jersey: termination of Agreement between the States of Jersey and the United Kingdom.	P.13/2006.

Lodged: 14th February 2006.
Minister for Economic Development.

Sea Transport: revised policy. P.24/2006.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Deputy J.B. Fox of St. Helier.

4th April 2006

Employment legislation: petition. P.214/2005.
Lodged: 4th October 2005.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Employment legislation: petition (P.214/2005) – comments. P.214/2005.
Presented: 11th January 2006. Com.
Minister for Social Security.

Draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny P.15/2006.
panels, PAC and PPC) (Jersey) Regulations 200-
Lodged: 21st February 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

25th April 2006

Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200-. P.5/2006.
Lodged: 30th January 2006.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Draft Employment Relations (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 200- P.5/2006.
(P.5/2006): comments. Com.
Presented: 8th February 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

Political activities by States employees. P.17/2006.
Lodged: 24th February 2006.
Council of Ministers.

Draft Housing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 23) (Jersey) P.19/2006.
Regulations 200-
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Housing.

Bailiff's Consultative Panel. P.20/2006.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Bailiff's Consultative Panel (P.20/2006): amendment. P.20/2006.
Lodged: 3rd March 2006. Amd.
Connétable of St. Helier.

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Vending Machines) (Jersey) Regulations P.21/2006.
200-
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Public Transport) (Amendment) (Jersey) P.22/2006.
Regulations 200-

Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Draft Restriction on Smoking (Sales of Cigarettes to Children)
(Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 200.
Lodged: 28th February 2006.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

P.23/2006.

16th May 2006

Milk Subsidy for Delivery to Special Classes.
Lodged: 5th July 2005.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, and referred to the Ministers for Economic Development and Social Security, (formerly the Economic Development and the Employment and Social Security Committees).

P.145/2005.

Draft Taxation (United States of America) (Jersey) Regulations 200-.
Lodged: 8th November 2005.
Chief Minister, (formerly the Policy and Resources Committee).

P.264/2005.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-.
Lodged: 15th November 2005.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

P.270/2005.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 200-
(P.270/2005): comments.
Presented: 17th January 2006.
Minister for Social Security.

P.270/2005.
Com.

23rd May 2006

6th June 2006

Senators and Deputies: terms of office.
Lodged: 14th December 2004.
Deputy A. Breckon of St. Saviour.
(debate commenced and States adopted move to next item of public business on 1st Feb 2005).

P.227/2004.

Senators and Deputies: terms of office (P.227/2004) – comments.
Presented: 18th January 2005.
Presented by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, (formerly the Finance and Economics Committee).

P.227/2004.
Com.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200-.
Lodged: 27th September 2005.
Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and Public Services Committee).

P.206/2005.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): comments.
Presented: 1st November 2005.
Minister for Economic Development, (formerly the Economic Development Committee).

P.206/2005.
Com.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendment.
Lodged: 25th October 2005.
Deputy R.C. Duhamel of St. Saviour.

P.206/2005.
Amd.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): amendments (P.206/2005 Amd.)– comments. P.206/2005.
Presented: 22nd November 2005. Amd.Com.
Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and Public Services Committee).

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second P.206/2005.
amendments. Amd.(2)
Lodged: 1st November 2005.
Deputy P.N. Troy of St. Brelade.

Draft Water Resources (Jersey) Law 200- (P.206/2005): second P.206/2005.
amendments (P.206/2005 Amd.(2))– comments. Amd.(2) Com.
Presented: 29th November 2005.
Minister for Planning and Environment, (formerly the Environment and Public Services Committee).

20th June 2006

4th July 2006

18th July 2006

**M.N. DE LA HAYE
Greffier of the States**

9th March 2006

Note –

In accordance with a decision of the States on 25th October 2005, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2006.

Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O 24/2006

This Order will increase from 1st April 2006 the fees payable by investment businesses on application for registration, on registration and on 1st May in every year. The increases vary between 20% and 12.5% since the fees were last changed.

This is the first increase in investment business fees since 1st April 2003, and, in terms of application fees, the first increase since 1999 in the full fees. It should be noted, however, that a half fee for applications by Jersey banks and Jersey insurers (as well as foreign companies) was eliminated in 2003.

The fees payable on registration and on each 1st May were last increased in 2003.

It should be noted further that the Order increases from 15 to 20 the maximum number of employees in respect of whom a component of the fees payable on registration and on each 1st May is assessed. That means that for a firm having 16 or more employees there will be more employees in respect of whom the component is assessed and a corresponding increase in the firm's bill on registration and on 1st May in every year.

The Order was made on 2nd March 2006 and comes into force on 1st April 2006.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: APPOINTMENT OF UNELECTED MEMBERS

(See Item F)

In accordance with Standing Order 124(1) the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee has given notice of her nominations for the position of unelected member of the PAC.

The Chairman has given notice that she will nominate the following 5 persons –

Mr. Roger Bignell
Mr. Christopher Charles Evans
Mr. Anthony Grimes
Mr. Martin Paul Magee
Advocate Alex Ohlsson

(short biographies for these nominees are attached)

BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Roger Bignell

Mr. Roger Bignell was born and educated in the United Kingdom. He trained as an accountant in the UK public sector specializing in audit. He moved to Jersey in 1979 to take up the post of the States Chief Internal Auditor. In 1986 he moved to the Financial Services Department to take up the post of Director of Banking. With the creation of the Financial Services Commission in 1998 he had the dual role of the Director of Authorisation and Deputy Registrar of Companies until retirement in June 2004.

Mr. Christopher Charles Evans

Mr. Evans is Managing Director, and a shareholder of, Foreshore which is an international class internet hosting centre based at Queens Road, St Helier and created to facilitate the growth of electronic business in Jersey.

He has been involved in running information technology businesses in Jersey for over twenty years. In 1984 he formed Omicron Computer Systems, a company specialising in computer networks for business and the first of its kind in Jersey. In 1993 the company was merged with another local business specialising in outsourced IT services to create what is now the Itex Group where he served as deputy chairman. Itex subsequently grew to be the largest IT services company in the Channel Islands with subsidiaries in Guernsey and the Isle of Man and employing over 200 staff. The business was sold in 2000, and Foreshore was formed in the same year.

Mr. Evans has served as a non-executive director for a number of companies and is currently on the board of the Jersey Electricity Company. He has had articles published by specialist international journals on the dynamics of e-business with particular emphasis on the offshore perspective. He also has experience of States of Jersey Committees; he previously sat on a sub-group of the Office of the Chief Adviser (chaired by John Christensen) in 1999 which examined how Jersey might diversify its economic activities through electronic commerce. More recently he sat on a sub-group of the Economic Development Committee (chaired by the then Deputy Gerald Voisin) called the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) Group.

Mr. Anthony Grimes F.C.M.A.

Mr. Grimes is aged 55, married to Chris and has three children, Anthony, Clair and Laura. He first moved to Jersey in 1976.

In 1976, on qualifying as an Accountant he joined the States of Jersey Treasury .This was followed by a period in the education and business advisory sector working with a broad cross section of Jersey businesses in finance, construction, retail, tourism and transport. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Trust Group of a Private Bank and holds a number of non-executive directorships in the Channel Islands.

Prior to joining the Shadow Public Accounts Committee Mr. Grimes was a member of the Audit Commission which he joined in 2000, having previously been a member and chairman of the Education Audit Committee.

Mr. Martin Paul Magee

Mr. Magee joined the Jersey Electricity Company as Finance Director in May 2002. He moved from Scottish Power Plc, the UK based utility, after nine years in a variety of senior finance roles at a corporate level, but also as Financial Controller of its telecom subsidiary and the electricity supply and distribution business. He previously worked for nine years with Stakis Plc (now part of the Hilton Hotels Group) in a number of positions including Company Secretary and Development Manager within its Leisure Division, as well as spending two years in Spain with its hotels business. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland having qualified in 1984. He was born in Glasgow in 1960 and is married with two sons.

Advocate Alex Ohlsson

Advocate Ohlsson was born in 1969 and educated at Victoria College, Jersey and Queens' College, Cambridge. He joined Olsens in 1991, qualified as a Jersey Solicitor in 1994 and was admitted as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey in 1995. He was made a partner at Olsens in 1995.

Advocate Ohlsson is now a partner in the Corporate and Fiduciary Group of the partnership (now known as Carey Olsen) and he specialises in finance and corporate law with particular expertise in Structured Finance and Securitisation, Real Estate Finance and Corporate Transactions. He is regularly instructed by leading global law firms and financial institutions, holds directorships with trust companies and offshore financing vehicles and is a director of Structured Finance Management Limited.

He is an advisory board member of Jersey Finance Limited, a member of the Jersey Taxation Society, a Committee member of the Financial and Commercial Law Sub-Committee of the Jersey Law Society and a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table answers to the following questions asked by Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier -

- “1. Over the last three years, the Youth Service has received extra funding of approximately £¼ million. Would the Minister indicate –
 - (a) how much of this funding has been allocated specifically to employ frontline workers and whether any of it has been spent on new management posts? If so, how much has been spent on these and how many posts are involved?
 - (b) whether any concerns have been raised with the Minister and his Department in any recent reports about serious health (including stress related illnesses) and safety concerns over professional youth workers having to open understaffed youth facilities on a regular basis?
2. Would the Minister inform members whether a health and safety risk assessment is to be undertaken on the planned floating youth café and, if so, who will be undertaking this assessment and when will it be completed?”

The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Following the adoption by the States of P.161/2003 lodged by the then Housing Committee the 95 flats that have been built on the Le Coie site at a cost of £ 20.3 million have been sold to the Jersey Homes Trust for £ 12 million. Would the Minister give members details of the total estimated sum of the following additional costs that will accrue to the States over the coming 21 years –

- (a) interest rate support, and
- (b) rent rebate payments starting in 2007, when these are compounded over the period at 3.5% annual increases.

Will the Minister indicate to members whether the total sum spent by the States in facilitating the transfer of ownership to the Jersey Homes Trust represents value for money, and if so, can he explain why? What steps, if any, does the Minister propose for reducing expenditure and dependence on such housing trust schemes, and if none, would he explain why?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

- “(a) In ministerial decision MD-TR-2006-0001 the Minister authorised a subsidy from the Housing Development Fund in relation to the sale of the Le Coie site to the Jersey Homes Trust (JHT). Will the Minister inform members of the total cost of this project, taking account of the additional expenditure on loan subsidy and rent rebate?
- (b) Will the Minister outline for members how the expenditure needed to transfer this property to the JHT represents value for money and would he inform members what consideration, if any, he has given to alternative means of funding social housing?”

The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following questions asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier -

- “1. Would the Minister confirm that the changes to the policy on fulfilment were released to the media by 11.30 a.m. on 28th February 2006 and, if so, would he explain why he was unable to inform the States in full of the details of the revised policy in response to a question in the Assembly on the same day?
2. Has the Minister sought legal advice on the change in policy, and if so will he reveal that advice to members, and if not, why not?
3. Has the Minister received confirmation that the distinction drawn between those companies beneficially owned by Jersey principals and those which are foreign owned in paragraphs 11 (i) and (ii) of the Policy for the Fulfilment Industry issued on 28th February 2006 is not open to challenge under international competition rules?
4. Would the Minister state whether the policy set out in the above paragraphs means that any existing local fulfilment company which is subsequently bought by foreign principals would not then be supported? What consideration, if any, has been given by the Minister to the consequences of any extension of this principle to other non-finance companies under the zero/ten tax proposals to be adopted in 2009, and if no such consideration has been given would he explain why not?
5. What confirmation, if any, has the Minister received that the distinction drawn in paragraphs 11 (iii) and (iv) between those companies trading in DVDs/CDs and others, is not contrary to competition rules under JCRA guidelines? Does this policy give an advantage to the DVD/CD market leader already established in the Island?
6. Would the Minister confirm that all fulfilment companies, whether locally owned or not, and whether whole chain (WCC) or third-party service (3PS), provide a similar service, namely importing goods in bulk for individual despatch, thereby adding value, and, if so, would he indicate why they are not all treated in an equal way by the policy?
7. In related statements the Minister has stated that some 100 jobs might be lost in this sector as a result of the revised policy. Will the Minister inform members how this estimate was calculated and also indicate –
 - (a) the total number of companies operating in the fulfilment sector, together with the number of employees and the GVA contribution to the economy?
 - (b) the numbers of companies, employees and GVA in each of the sectors defined by the Minister as –
 - (i) WCC
 - (ii) 3PS
 - (iii) Hybrid companies
 - (c) how many companies have been operating without a licence under the Regulation of Undertakings and Development legislation that will now be required to apply for such a licence, and how many of these licences will be for a 12-month period,
 - (d) how many companies have already applied for a licence and have been waiting for a decision based on the new policy since autumn last year, and how many of these companies will receive a 12-month licence only?
8. Will the Minister inform members what provisions of the Regulations of Undertakings and Development legislation require the structure adopted by UK companies which take advantage of 3PS companies (that is described in the policy as “little better than a sham”) to apply for a licence? Would he inform

members how some companies have been able to trade without such a licence, and for how long this practice has continued?

9. Will the Minister inform members how many fulfilment companies are operating in the Island using Offshore Services (OSL), the 3PS arm of Jersey Post? Will he further state –
- (a) what proportion of total postal revenues, in real and percentage terms, is contributed by postal charges from fulfilment business?
 - (b) what profit is generated by OSL as a company?
 - (c) what impact, if any, the new policy will have on the number of companies serviced and on the number of staff employed by OSL, and
 - (d) what consideration, if any, he has given to the impact of the revised policy on the viability of the proposed incorporation of Jersey Post?”

The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence –

“The Chief Minister stated in a written answer on 14th February 2006 that the numbers of public sector staff in some departments who had been suspended as a result of disciplinary infractions in each of the last three years gave cause for concern and, accordingly, he had asked the Chief Executive to carry out an urgent investigation into the matter and to report back with recommendations as to how the current situation could be improved.

Would the Chief Minister advise whether this investigation has been completed and, if so, advise what improvements, if any, have been recommended and what new policies and procedures, if any, have been introduced as a result of this investigation?”

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“In his answer to an oral question on 31st January 2006, the Minister stated that he ‘would be happy to form a working group which would include the Connétables’ and other interested parties in order that firm recommendations could be brought forward next year in respect of the payment of rates on States-owned properties. Would the Minister indicate the progress he has made in arranging this working group?”

**ORAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
ROTA**

(See Item I(c))

First 15 minute period

Home Affairs

Economic Development

Transport and Technical Services^[1]

Education Sport and Culture

Housing

Social Security

Home Affairs

Second 15 minute period

Treasury and Resources

Chief Minister

Health and Social Services

Chief Minister

Planning and Environment

Chief Minister

Treasury and Resources

^[1] Members are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Order 64(7), the rota has been amended since it was last circulated to members as the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will be absent on States business on 25th April 2006.