

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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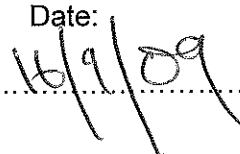
Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman Deputy M. Tadier
Apologies	Connétable G. F. Butcher
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs E Liddiard and Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officers

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12.08.09 Item 11	<p>1. Vetting and Barring Scheme</p> <p>The Panel received a briefing from the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to P.121; Police Act 1997: Extension of Part V to Jersey by Order of Council.</p> <p>The Minister emphasized to the Panel that the purpose of the Proposition was to request the States to approve an 'in principle' decision to allow the extension of Part V of the Police Act, and that it was not the responsibility, under Article 31 of the States of Jersey Law, of the States to approve the specific wording of this Act.</p> <p>The Minister stressed that this matter was urgent because new arrangements for vetting and barring were due to be introduced in the U.K. from 12th October 2009. The introduction of those new arrangements would affect Jersey's ability to access crucial information for the purposes of safeguarding our local children and vulnerable adults. Extending Part V of the Police Act 1997 to Jersey would allow for continued access to that information after 12th October 2009.</p> <p>The Minister invited the Panel to select a representative to work with him and the Law Officers to agree the final wording of the Act.</p> <p>The Panel considered this offer but agreed the Minister to continue to work with the Law Officers without a member of the Panel. The Panel requested the Minister to keep the Panel updated with further progress and possible changes to future policy.</p>	

Signed



Date:



Chairman

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