

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 17th March 2014

Meeting No: 48

Present	Connétable S. W. Pallett, Chairman Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman Connetable S. Rennard
Apologies	
In attendance	M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2014 were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>Item 10 22.02.14 516/1(51)</p>	<p>2. Draft Explosives (Jersey) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel agreed that its first hearing into the Draft Explosives Law was to be on 24th March, when it was to interview the Minister for Home Affairs. It also decided that it was appropriate that the Panel attend the next meeting of the Comité Des Connétables if possible. A list was drawn up of other postholders that the Panel might wish to interview in public hearings and those hearings were to take place on Thursday 27th March 2014.</p> <p>The transcripts from the hearing with the Minister were needed prior to the hearings with other witnesses and were to be turned around overnight.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>Item 6 24.02.14 516/35(1)</p>	<p>3. P.14/2014, Draft Passports (False Statements and Forgery) (Jersey) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel approved the scoping document containing the total budget of £6,600, along with the terms of reference. The documents were to be passed to the Chairmen's Committee for approval.</p> <p>A letter was to be sent to H.M. Attorney General to establish the definition of 'recklessly' and to establish if Article 2 included both the applicant and the counter signatory.</p> <p>Once the approval of the Chairmen's Committee had been received, a list of questions, which was supplied to the Panel, was to be forwarded to the Minister for Home Affairs to assist in providing the Panel with the necessary information at the hearing on Monday 24th March 2014.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>Item 12 24.02.14 516/32</p>	<p>4. Introduction of Tasers</p> <p>The Panel had requested that the Minister provide information about the amount of times firearms had been deployed in Jersey over the last three years. The answer that had been received contained data for two years only. It was to be returned with a request that the full three years data be supplied.</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>5. Police User Pays</p> <p>The Panel recalled that it was awaiting documentation from the Minister for Home Affairs. It noted that the documents concerned were currently under review by the Minister who had agreed to send them through to the Panel once they were completed. There was no time frame available for this.</p>	
<p>Item 1 28.10.13 516/37</p>	<p>6. Control of Public Entertainment</p> <p>The Panel considered the position in relation to public entertainment and agreed that this was of low priority. The Panel would not undertake a review of Public Entertainment at this time.</p>	
	<p>7. Draft Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) Law 201-</p> <p>The Panel received the explanatory report and draft law and noted that it was due to be lodged au Greffe on 16th April 2014 with the debate on 13th May 2014. The Panel decided to request a briefing on the subject from the Minister on 26th March 2014. It was agreed that there were many areas that needed careful scrutiny within the draft law and that the Panel was likely to undertake a review.</p>	MR
	<p>8. Sex Offenders Law Amendments.</p> <p>It was noted that the Minister for Home Affairs had agreed to supply the Panel with all details of the proposed amendments. The work was not yet complete but was to be sent to the Panel as soon as possible. It was further noted that the proposed lodging date was not until June 2014.</p>	
	<p>9. Rehabilitation of Offenders</p> <p>On recalling that the Minister for Home Affairs had agreed to supply the Panel with all papers on this matter, the Panel noted that work was not yet complete. The documentation was to be sent to the Panel as soon as possible.</p>	
	<p>10. Armed Forces Covenant.</p> <p>The Panel received the draft of the Community Covenant and requested that the Home Affairs Minister supply further information relating to how and when it was to be presented.</p>	MR
	<p>11. Customs Recording of Checks</p> <p>The Panel received an extract from a table of flights and boats not covered by Customs Officers. It was decided that there was a requirement for further information and the Minister for Home Affairs was to be asked about this at the next quarterly public hearing.</p>	
	<p>12. States of Jersey Police Force (Jersey) Law 1974</p> <p>The Panel received and noted a draft of the proposed amendments.</p>	
<p>Item 7 24.02.14 516/18(1)</p>	<p>13. Child Care Registration</p> <p>The Panel had received information relating to complaints against Education Sport and Culture in its role as regulator of private child care businesses. It was considered that there may be a conflict as the Department also provided pre-school day-care for children. The officer was to research this position and report back to the Panel.</p>	MR
<p>Item 8 24.02.14</p>	<p>14. Youth Service</p>	

516/18(2)	The Panel recognised that the Youth Service was doing a good job; however there was concern that the Comprehensive Spending Review had left the service underfunded. It was considered that the staff had done some good work to turn things around but this needed to be confirmed. The Officer was to research this and report back to the Panel.	MR
Item 9 24.02.14 516/18(3)	15. Trackers Apprenticeship Schemes. It was agreed that there was an opportunity to ask questions about the Trackers Scheme at the quarterly public hearing which was to be held on 31st March 2014 with the Minister for Education and Home Affairs. The officer was due to meet with officers from the department and would report back to the Panel.	MR
	16. Intellectual Property Rights The Panel received documentation received that morning from the Minister of Home Affairs. The Minister had invited the Panel to consider if it wished to review the matter. The Panel decided that it was to consider the matter at its next meeting.	MR
Item 11 24.02.14 516/34	17. H.M.P. La Moye Prison The Panel noted that the Chairman had been asked questions in the States Assembly in relation to alleged activities at the Prison.	MR
	18. Constitution of Panel The Panel considered its constitution and agreed that it was to continue with three members at that time.	
	19. Date of next meeting The next meeting was scheduled for 9.30am on 31st March 2014 in the Blampied Room. It was noted that the meeting was to include a quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.	MR