

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 30 September 2013

Meeting No: 39

Present	Deputy J. M. Maçon, Chairman Connétable M. P. S. Le Troquer, Vice Chairman Deputy M. Tadier Deputy G. Southern
In attendance	M. Haden, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Minutes</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 16th September 2013 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p><b>Item 1</b> <b>16.09.13</b>  <b>516/1(44)</b></p>	<p><b>2. Higher Education: tax allowances</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Chairman's Committee had agreed to collect and submit a consolidated report on the Budget 2014.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the issue of tax allowances was part of a broader picture of States support for students in Higher Education and recalled that it was intended to undertake a review of Higher Education funding as preparation for the next Medium Term Financial Plan. In the meantime the matter of thresholds would be raised with the Minister at the next Quarterly Hearing on 21st October 2013.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2</b> <b>08.07.13</b>  <b>516/37</b></p>	<p><b>3. Control of Public Entertainment</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Bailiff's submission for this review and correspondence from the Gambling Commission. Correspondence was awaited from the Comité des Connétables. It was also noted that contact had been made with the Department of Culture and Leisure in Guernsey.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer said that a project plan including hearings for this review would be prepared for the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item 3</b> <b>09.09.13</b>  <b>516/32</b></p>	<p><b>4. Introduction of Tasers</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a draft letter to the Minister for Home Affairs commenting on his revised draft report and proposition on the introduction of Tasers.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to maintain its proposed amendment to the Minister's proposition stipulating that Tasers would only be used in situations where the Command Officer was satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that</p> <p>(a) no lesser force option had been, or will be, effective in eliminating the risk of bodily harm; and</p> <p>(b) de-escalation and/or crisis intervention techniques had not been or would not be effective in eliminating the risk of bodily harm. The Panel</p>	

	<p>agreed that it was important that these conditions should be stated explicitly in then proposition.</p> <p>The Panel agreed further detailed comments on the draft report and requested that the letter be forwarded to the Minister accordingly.</p>	
<b>516/1(51)</b>	<p><b>5. Education, Sport and Culture: quarterly hearing</b></p> <p>The Panel identified the following matters from the Department's Workstream template for discussion with the Minister at the quarterly hearing on 21st October 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The outcome of the first core curriculum review on Maths</li> <li>• Progress report on the primary demographics review</li> <li>• Review of Primary School Funding formula</li> <li>• Review of options to provide additional capacity in Town Primary Schools</li> <li>• Higher Education: review of funding options</li> </ul> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister had agreed to provide a presentation on the apprenticeship scheme at this meeting.</p> <p>The Panel requested that briefing papers on these issues should be provided in advance of the hearing. The Panel requested a briefing on the proposals for the future development of Les Quennevais School.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to combine the next Panel meeting with the Quarterly hearing.</p>	
<b>516/1(51)</b>	<p><b>6. Wheel clamping</b></p> <p>The Panel received a briefing paper from the Minister for Home Affairs on consultation carried out to date on proposals to introduce an alternative to wheel clamping.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Department's policy paper was currently with the Law Officers' Department. It was hoped that consultation on a draft law would be undertaken with a view to lodging the draft law before the elections in 2014.</p>	
<b>516/1(44)</b>	<p><b>7. Topic proposal: Cycle helmets</b></p> <p>The Panel received a proposal from Mr. D. Wimberley that it should scrutinise the issue of cycle helmet compulsion. The Panel, however, noted that this was an issue for the Minister for Transport and Technical Services and forwarded the letter to the Environment Panel accordingly.</p>	
<b>516/1(51)</b>	<p><b>8. Draft Sports Strategy</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure, for a briefing on the draft Sports Strategy. The Panel also received copies of the consultation responses on the Sports Strategy Green Paper.</p>	