

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel


## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 13th January 2010

Meeting 63

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy C.H. Egré, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy T.A. Vallois
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer Miss. K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer Professor M. Oliver (Items 8 and 9)

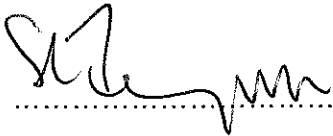
Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p><b>1. Record of Meetings</b> The Panel approved the records of its meetings on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 14th December 2009</li> <li>b) 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (<b>Private Session</b>)</li> <li>c) 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009</li> <li>d) 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009</li> <li>e) 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009</li> </ul> <p>The approved Minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the update on actions it had requested at previous meetings.</p>	
	<p><b>3. On Line Ticketing</b></p> <p>The Chairman offered an oral briefing relating to a move towards 'on line ticketing' from a central web site. It was understood that Keith Prowse Ltd. had offered a service for this but the matter was being looked at within the States Information Services Department. The Chairman would keep an eye on the way this was unfolding and report back to the Panel if necessary.</p>	SF
16/12/09 Item 6 513/18(8)	<p><b>4. Migration Policy</b></p> <p>The Panel received and noted an oral update from the assigned Officer to the effect that an update was expected from the Population Office. It was still expected that the debate would take place in June. It was noted that the Sub-Panel for Migration and Population would be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 2:00pm.</p>	
23/12/09 Item 1 513/25(8)	<p><b>5. Data Protection</b></p> <p>The full draft amendments to the law were still to come from the Data Protection Commissioner and were due imminently. On receipt of the documentation, the Sub-Panel was to meet and move forwards. Deputy C.H. Egré, requested to be excused from his membership of the Sub-</p>	KB

	<p>Panel due to his workload in other areas. This was accepted and the Panel required an invitation be issued to other members of Scrutiny to join the Sub-Panel.</p> <p>It was noted that the Data Protection Commissioner was giving a private briefing to the Sub-Panel on Monday 18th January 2010 and there was a need for this to be recorded for future use by the Members within the review. The cost involved in the preparation of transcripts of approximately £100 per hour was approved.</p>	KB
<p><b>16/12/09</b> <b>Item 8</b> <b>513/5(8)</b></p>	<p><b>6. Overseas Aid.</b></p> <p>The Panel referred to the latest draft of the report which had been previously circulated. A few minor amendments were made and it was agreed that the report was to be formatted into a standard scrutiny report and published.</p>	KB
<p><b>16/12/09</b> <b>Item 9</b> <b>513/24(8)</b></p>	<p><b>7. Utilities</b></p> <p>In considering the value of a review into Jersey utilities, the Panel recalled that the intention of the Treasury Department was to be established.</p> <p>The Treasurer of the States had provided information that the Treasury Department was currently undertaking a review into the utilities, as promised within the speech made by Senator Ozouf during the election of the Treasury Minister in the States. The review was late starting for reasons connected with other workload issues, however, an outside company had been appointed to act as independent advisor and the review was expected to take approximately eight to ten weeks, being completed in the second quarter of 2010. The contact for this review at the Treasury was the Deputy Treasurer.</p> <p>The Panel recognised that there were issues of a serious nature which it may wish to look into regardless of the Treasury Department review. There were discussions relating to the Jersey Electricity Company and Jersey Post. The Panel wished to investigate the relationship between the utilities and the States of Jersey, in particular, the Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p> <p>In order to prepare for this, the Panel requested a private meeting with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to establish his position.</p>	MR
<p><b>Item 5</b> <b>16/12/09</b> <b>513/23(8)</b></p>	<p><b>8. Economic Stimulus Plan 2</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the final draft of the review report that had been previously circulated. Following proof reading and formatting, the report would go out to stakeholders for factual checking for five days prior to going to print. The report would only come back to the Panel were there to be some serious factual irregularity.</p>	MR
<p><b>Item 4</b> <b>16/12/09,</b> <b>513/20(8)</b></p>	<p><b>9. Finance Sub-Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel received an oral update from the officer relating to the drafting of the report for the Sub-Panel's Forecasting of Expenditure Review. It agreed that there were serious problems related to the drafting, which needed to be resolved, particularly when considering the responsibility structure at political level in forecasting expenditure. It was also noted that the matter was to be examined within the Fiscal Strategy Review currently being undertaken by the Treasury Department. In addition, a report was imminently expected from the</p>	

	Comptroller and Auditor General on this subject. It was decided that a recommendation should be made to the Sub-Panel to put the review on hold pending these documents and to issue comments once the Comptroller and Auditor General's report has been presented with the intention of explaining the position of the Panel and its support for the work being undertaken by the Treasury Department.	<b>MR</b>
	<b>10. Ministerial Orders.</b>  The Panel noted the letter from the Chairman to the Chief Minister relating to Ministerial Orders and noted also the reply. One Member was delegated to ask an oral question in the States about the time limits of a political responses.	
	<b>11. Ministerial Decisions</b>  The Panel noted the Ministerial Decisions connected with the Panel's remit between the 1st December 2009 and 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2010.	
	<b>12. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place in the Le Capelain Room, States Building at 9:30 on the 27th January 2010.	

Signed

Date:



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Chairman  
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

