Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 17th June 2010 Meeting Number: 48

Present	Deputy R. G. Le Hérissier, Chairman
	Deputy M. Tadier
	Deputy J. M. Macon
Apologies	Deputy T. M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Mrs. E. Liddiard, Scrutiny Officer
	Miss. S. Power, Scrutiny Officer

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	1. Records of Meetings	
	The records of the meetings of 19th May 2010 and 21 st May 2010 were approved and signed.	
	2. Matters Arising	
	The Panel noted the status of action updates from the previous meeting on the 19 th May 2010.	
Item 5	3. Political Education Review	
19.05.10 516/23(8)	It was noted that Public Hearings for this review had taken place on 19 th May 2010. It was further noted that meetings with students were in the process of being arranged, provisionally for the week commencing the 28 th June.	
Item 9	4. Cultural Strategy Review	
19.05.10 516/24(8)	The Panel noted that the Department for Education, Sport and Culture were currently undertaking an internal review of the Cultural Strategy, with a view to this review being completed and referred to scrutiny in June 2010.	
	The Panel approved the scoping document and terms of reference for this review, to be sent to the Chairmen's Committee and to the Minister for notification. It was agreed that the Panel initially wished to focus its attentions on the report soon to be produced by the	SP
	Department, and requested the Officer to establish when a copy could be provided to the Panel. It was further requested for a Public Hearing to be arranged with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.	SP
	5. Children's Policy Group	
516/1(46)	The Panel noted the letter from Deputy A. Pryke, Chairman, Children's Policy Group, inviting the Panel's input on the Children and Young People's Plan. It was agreed that this was an important issue that the Panel may wish to review. However it was noted that as the remit also	

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	anyoned that of the Heelth Casial Casualty and Harrison Casta	
	covered that of the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel, the Chairman would initially raise this at the Chairmen's Committee to establish whether that Panel would be undertaking any work on this issue.	RLeH
	6. Vetting and Barring and Anti-Discrimination Proposals	
516/1(48)	The Panel noted a document from the Home Affairs Department outlining the timeframes for the Vetting and Barring and Discrimination proposals. The Panel agreed it wished to include both of these issues in its question plan for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs to discuss the Comprehensive Spending Review proposals for 2011, with a view to establishing whether both proposals were on target. With the vetting and barring proposals, the Panel also wished to ascertain whether the UK's recently announced review would have any implications for the Island's proposals. With regard to the discrimination proposals, the Panel wished to ask the Minister how the £100,000 that was proposed to be removed from the budget for this legislation would be broken down.	EL/SP
	7. Draft Explosives (Jersey) Law 200-	
516/1(47)	The Panel noted the Draft Explosives (Jersey) Law 200- that had been forwarded by the Minister for Home Affairs. The Panel agreed that it wished to ask the Minister about the financial implications of moving forward with the draft legislation during the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Spending Review proposals.	EL/SP
	8. Succession planning within the States of Jersey Police Service	
516/25(8)	The Panel agreed that it wished to commence its review of this issue, and requested for a scoping document and terms of reference to be drafted accordingly. It was agreed that the Panel wanted the review to include consideration of the following: the appointment of local and non-local staff; the training and development policies; the succession planning policies in place for the recruitment of positions.	EL/SP
	9. Comprehensive Spending Review Public Hearings	
513/27(8)	The Panel noted that Public Hearings had been arranged with the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture for the 28 th June to discuss the 2011 Comprehensive Spending Review Proposals from both departments. The Panel discussed its question plans for these hearings and requested for the Officers to draft them and to circulate them to the Panel and the Ministers accordingly.	EL/SP
	10. Private Hearing	
	The Panel held a Private Hearing with a member of the public in private session under Standing Order 138(6) of the States of Jersey.	
	11. Department of Education, Sport and Culture – 2010 Reviews	
	The Panel noted a document from the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, providing an update on the reviews being undertaken by the Department.	
	12. Forthcoming Propositions	
	The Panel noted forthcoming propositions pertinent to the Panel's remit.	
	13. Ministerial Decisions	

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The Panel noted receipt of recent Ministerial Decisions pertinent to its remit. Following discussion of the Ministerial Decisions relating to the approval of fees for Victoria College and Jersey College for Girls, the Panel requested a letter to be drafted to the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to ask on what basis, if any, St George's and St Michael's schools received funding from the Department.	EL/SP
 14. Questions to Ministers	
The Panel noted that the Minister for Economic Development and the Chief Minister would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 22 nd June 2010, and that the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and the Minister for Health and Social Services would take questions without notice at the States sitting of 6 th July 2010.	
15. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that it had Public Hearings with the Ministers for Home Affairs, and Education, Sport and Culture, scheduled for 28 th June, and that its next Panel meeting was scheduled for the 14 th July 2010, at 9.30am, Le Capelain Room, States Building.	

Signed

Date:

Chairman

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