

# Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd March 2017

Present	Deputy R. Renouf, Chairman Deputy G. Southern, Vice-Chairman Deputy T. McDonald Senator S. Ferguson Deputy J. Hilton
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Deputy S. Pinel, Minister for Social Security Mr I. Burns, Chief Officer Mrs S. Duhamel, Director – Policy and Strategy Mr S. Jackson, Operations Director, Employment & Social Security  Miss K. Boydens, Scrutiny Officer Mr A. Harris, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on 28th February and 1st and 9th March 2017. The Chairman signed them accordingly.</p>	
09/03/17 Item 6	<p><b>2. Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Social Security</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Social Security and her Officers for a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were recorded in order that a transcript could be made.</p>	
09/02/17 Item 2  517/36	<p><b>3. Long-Term Care Scheme Review</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Officer regarding its review and noted that letters to key stakeholders had been drafted and would be sent out in due course. The Panel also received several written submissions which had been anonymised by the Scrutiny Office.</p> <p>The Panel noted that a briefing with the Social Security Department was in the process of being organised as requested. In that regard, the Officer explained that the Department had suggested a joint briefing with the Health and Social Services Department. After discussing the matter, the Panel declined the offer of a joint briefing and agreed that in the first instance it would request a briefing from the Health Department specifically on the assessment process. After this had taken place, the Panel tasked the Officer to arrange two separate briefings with the Social Security Department and Health Department. Furthermore, due to the complicated nature of the Long-Term Care Scheme, the Panel requested that the briefings were transcribed so that transcripts would be made</p>	<p><b>KB</b></p> <p><b>KB</b></p>

	<p>available. It was confirmed that the transcripts would not be published and would be for the Panel's information only.</p> <p>The Officer advised that the search for an advisor who had actuarial expertise was ongoing. On this matter, the Panel requested the Officer to search for an additional advisor with expertise in Long-Term Care Schemes and social policy.</p>	<b>KB</b>
<p><b>09/03/17</b> <b>Item 4</b></p> <p><b>517/34</b></p>	<p><b>4. Living on Low Income</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the possibility of lodging a Proposition regarding reinstating the single parent component of income support. The Panel agreed that a Proposition should be lodged but further discussion was required regarding the exact wording. The Chairman advised that he would discuss the matter with the Officer.</p>	<b>RR</b>
	<p><b>5. Mental Health in the Prison</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Officer regarding the possible review of mental health in the prison. The Officer advised that it may be more appropriate to undertake the review as a Sub-Panel with Members of the Education and Home Affairs Panel due to the crossover between the two Panels.</p> <p>The Panel noted that further information regarding what input the Health Department had with delivering mental health in the prison would be received imminently and agreed to discuss how to proceed with the review further once that information had been received.</p>	
	<p><b>6. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 6th April 2017 at 9:30am in the Le Capelain room, States Building.</p>	