

# Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: 21st January 2008  
Meeting 53

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer

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[26/11/07, Item 2]	<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel approved and signed the following records of its meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28th November 2007</li> <li>• 5th December 2007</li> <li>• 10th December 2007</li> <li>• 10th December 2007 [PRIVATE SESSION] with one corrective amendment</li> </ul> <p>The Panel recalled its decision of 26th November 2007 to check the records of meetings since its constitution on 19th June 2007 that had been held in private session, with a view to identifying records that could legitimately be placed in the public domain. The Panel considered 13 such records of meetings and agreed to release the following into the public domain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14th June 2007</li> <li>• 25th June 2007, Item 1</li> <li>• 5th July 2007</li> <li>• 23rd July 2007, Items 2 and 4</li> <li>• 4th September 2007, Item 4</li> <li>• 14th September 2007</li> </ul>	
[10/12/07, Item 7]	<p><b>2. Panel Membership and Panel Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Chairman that she had contacted the Connétable of St John who had confirmed that he would welcome the opportunity to join the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that the Connétable had informed it of the dates of his commitments with the Comité des Connétables, in light of which the Panel had agreed to consider revising its scheduled meeting dates due to potential clashes with the Connétable's other commitments.</p> <p>The Panel agreed its revised meeting dates to be introduced should</p>	

	they be suitable to the Connétable of St John and subject to his successful election to the Panel. It requested the officers to forward those dates to the Connétable at the earliest opportunity, as subject to his availability for the revised dates the Panel intended to propose his nomination for Membership of the Panel at the States sitting on 29th January 2007	<b>WM/TO</b>
	<b>3. Draft Civil Aviation Law</b>  The Panel noted the public consultation on the draft <i>Civil Aviation (Jersey) Law 200-</i> and agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the Panel officers as to the Panel's contribution.	<b>WM/TO</b>
	<b>4. States of Jersey Police</b>  The Panel noted receipt of correspondence relating to the Police Force that had been circulated to all States Members.	
<b>[10/12/07, Item 7]</b>	<b>5. Annual Business Plan</b>  The Panel noted the dates of briefings by the Treasury and Resources Department on the Annual Business Plan process and agreed that it would be valuable to attend the relevant sessions.	
	<b>6. Work Programme</b>  The Panel began consideration of its potential next review topic(s) and prepared for meetings with the Ministers for Home Affairs and Education, Sport and Culture that were due to be held on 25th January 2008.	
	<b>7. Annual Report</b>  The Panel considered and agreed its contribution to the 2007 Annual Report of the States Assembly, subject to minor amendments. The Panel agreed that it would publish its contribution on the Panel's pages of the Scrutiny website.  The Panel agreed to write to the Chairman of the Health, Social Services and Housing Scrutiny Panel in relation to follow up work on the GP Out-of Hours report.	<b>WM/TO</b>
<b>[10/12/07, Item 6]</b>	<b>8. Action Updates and Matters Arising</b>  The Panel noted the progress on actions from previous meetings.  The Panel was advised by the Chairman of correspondence relating to the Criminal Offences Law from Advocate P. Landick, copies of which were circulated to the Panel. The Panel agreed that it would send a written reply.  The Panel noted briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of 7th December 2007. It also received an oral report from Deputy S. Pitman on matters arising from the Chairmen's Committee meeting that she attended on behalf of the Panel on January 18th 2008.  The Panel recalled that, on 14th January 2008, it had attended Critical Skills training.  It was noted that, on 18th January 2008, the Chairman had attended the swearing-in of new Police recruits. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be despatched to the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police.	<b>WM</b>

<b>[10/12/07, Item 3]</b>	<p><b>9. Policing of Events – User Pays</b></p> <p>The Panel considered its draft report and began discussion of its findings and recommendations.</p>	
<b>[10/12/07, Item 4]</b>	<p><b>10. Early Years Education and Care</b></p> <p>The Panel considered progress on the draft report and received a hard copy of the latest Section.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to approve the invoice submitted by its Early Years Adviser for work undertaken in November and December, subject to minor clarification.</p>	<b>TO</b>
<b>[26/11/07, Item 3]</b>	<p><b>11. Rôle of the Centenier in the Magistrate’s Court</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed to write to the Comité des Chefs de Police regarding its intentions to respond to the Panel’s report.</p> <p>The Panel noted that in due course it intended to identify any work that may be undertaken in regard to the official Ministerial response to its report on Rôle of the Centenier in the Magistrate’s Court.</p>	<b>WM/TO</b>
	<p><b>12. Forthcoming Propositions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the following proposition had been lodged by the Minister for Home Affairs and had been debated on 15th January 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jersey Police Complaints Authority: Appointment of Members (P.196/2007)</i></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>13. Ministerial Decisions</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the following decisions had been made by the Minister for Home Affairs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police Complaints Authority – re-appointment of one member, and appointment of a new member (MD-HA-2007-0084)</li> <li>2. Appointment of Delegates of the Superintendent Registrar (MD-HA-2007-0083)</li> <li>3. Provision of 'Safer' Cells at HM Prison (MD-HA-2007-0085)</li> </ol> <p>The Panel noted that the following decisions had been made by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of a Skills Executive Partnership Agreement - Ministers of ED, ESC and SS (MD-ESC-2007-0052)</li> <li>2. Recruitment Advertising Budget Transfer from Chief Ministers to DfESC (MD-ESC- 2007-0054)</li> <li>3. Le Rocquier School Extensions to School Sports Hall (MD-ESC-2007-0056)</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>14. Questions to Ministers</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Housing and the Chief Minister</p>	

	would answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 29th January 2008.	
	<p><b>15. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting would occur at 9:00am on 25th January 2008.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman  
Education & Home Affairs Panel