

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Review of Draft Goods and Services Tax Law

PUBLIC SESSION

Record of Meeting

Date: **1st August 2007**

Meeting Number: **17**

Present	Connétable D Murphy Connétable J L S Gallichan Connétable M. Jackson
Apologies	Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman
In attendance	Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
1.	<p>Draft GST Regulations</p> <p>The Panel noted the timetable for the Regulations and the following policy changes proposed by the Minister:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. exemption for the services of funeral directors; 2. conversion of a non domestic dwelling to a dwelling be eligible for zero-rating in the same way as a new build domestic dwelling (as suggested by the Scrutiny Panel in their last Report); 3. child care provision to be an exempt supply (mentioned in the Panel's 2nd Report); 4. exclusion from GST for Jersey College for Girls and Victoria College for the fee income by exemption; 5. a margin scheme for second-hand vehicles 	
2.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Sub Panel noted correspondence relating to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the GST treatment of the Financial Services Industry • the Customs Directive No 3 on the Customs clearance of goods imported as freight • the de minimis level for imports together with reports from Crown Agents and the States Economic Adviser 	
3	<p>De Minimis level</p> <p>The Sub Panel considered a briefing note prepared by the adviser. It was agreed that a shopping survey should be carried out among local retailers comparing local prices with on-line competition in order to gauge the impact GST would have on the differential.</p> <p>The Sub Panel also enquired whether the Economic Development Department had a view on the de minimis level.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>

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Hearings

The Sub Panel noted that the Treasury and Resources Minister would be attending a hearing on 7th August and that the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce had also been invited to a hearing on the same date.

The Sub Panel agreed to defer the hearing scheduled for 16th August in view of the anticipated delay in the consultation process for the draft Regulations.

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