

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 11th January 2018

Present	Deputy J. M. Maçon, Vice-Chairman Deputy T. A. Vallois Deputy S. Y. Mézec
Apologies	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Dr H. Miles, Director Criminal Justice, Community and Constitutional Affairs Mr N. Fox, Assistant Director Criminal Justice, Community and Constitutional Affairs Ms G. Hutchinson, Policy Principle, Community and Constitutional Affairs Mr M. Berry, Legal Advisor, Law Officers Department Mr J. Van Neste, Law Officers Department Mr M. Waddington, Law Draftsman  Mr A. Harris, Scrutiny Officer

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<b>Item 3</b> <b>08/01/17</b>  <b>516/50</b>	<p><b>1. Briefing on Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 201-</b></p> <p>The Panel received Dr H. Miles, Director Criminal Justice, Community and Constitutional Affairs, Mr N. Fox, Assistant Director Criminal Justice, Community and Constitutional Affairs, Ms G. Hutchinson, Policy Principle, Community and Constitutional Affairs, Mr M. Berry, Legal Advisor, Law Officers Department, Mr J. Van Neste, Law Officers Department and Mr M. Waddington, Law Draftsman for a briefing on the Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 201- (“the draft law”) that was due to be lodged for debate on 23rd January 2018.</p> <p>Dr H. Miles explained the background of the draft law to the Panel and noted that it was a priority for the Minister for Home Affairs. It was intended that the draft law would operate in tandem with the <i>Draft Criminal Procedure (Jersey) Law 201-</i> and the <i>Draft Criminal Procedure (Bail) Law 201-</i> in codifying offences of a sexual nature, and offering more protection to victims and witnesses. It was explained that the draft law was intended to bring Jersey in line with international best practice in order to comply with various conventions, including the Istanbul Convention on the Rights of Women.</p> <p>The draft law had been the subject of a full consultation with various stakeholders and 12 responses had been received giving feedback during the process. It was noted that a number of victims of sexual offences were willing to speak with the Panel to outline the positive changes included in the draft law.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would undertake a review of the draft law, and recalled that it would write to a selection of experts on sexual offences law in to gather their views on the proposed legislation. It was also agreed</p>	

	that the Panel would identify key stakeholders in order to seek their views also.	
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