

# Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 29th February 2012

Meeting No: 10

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.J. Murphy Deputy S. Power Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 1] Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources [Item 1] Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States [Item 1]  Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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<b>22/02/12</b> <b>Item 1</b>  <b>513/1(40)</b>	<b>1. Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources</b>  The Panel received Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, accompanied by Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources, and Ms. L. Rowley, Treasurer of the States, for a quarterly public hearing. The hearing was recorded in order that a transcript could be made.	
	<b>2. Records of Meetings</b>  The Panel approved the records of its meetings held on 8th, 14th and 16th February 2012. The records were signed accordingly.	
<b>22/02/12</b> <b>Item 3</b>  <b>513/32</b>	<b>3. Population and Migration</b>  The Panel noted progress on the review to date and considered the work it would request of the expert advisor. It was agreed that a written report by 9th March 2012 should be requested of the advisor.  The Panel noted that it would hold public hearings with Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development, and Mr. D. Gibaut, Chief Statistician – Statistics Unit, in the morning of 16th March 2012. It was further noted that the Panel would receive Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, and Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Chief Minister and Chairman of the Migration Advisory Group, for a public hearing in the afternoon of 23rd March 2012. Consideration was given to arrangements for a public hearing with Deputy A.K.F. Green MBE, Minister for Housing. Noting that the Minister had indicated his availability after 5:00pm on 16th March 2012, the Scrutiny Officer was requested to investigate the feasibility of holding the hearing with him at that time. The Panel further agreed that it would be beneficial for the expert advisor to be present at all the hearings.  The Panel recalled that an initial budget of £5,000 had been agreed for	<b>WM</b>

	<p>the engagement of an expert advisor. It was advised that Panel agreement would be required before any expenditure beyond that limit could be incurred and that the expert advisor would need to inform the Scrutiny Office in advance if the advisor believed that the limit was likely to be breached. Recalling its agreement that the advisor should be present at the public hearings, the Panel noted that it was likely that an increase to the initial budget would be required.</p> <p>The Panel considered and approved an amended project plan for the review and noted that Part 1 of the review, relating to the 2011 Census and Population Policy, would need to be undertaken within a short timescale and that work on that Part would need to be focused.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence from a member of the public who had expressed concerns regarding Jersey's migration controls. It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Panel's review and to inform the individual that the Panel would take the concerns expressed into account during its review, notwithstanding that they appeared to relate more directly to Part 2 of the review.</p>	WM
<p>22/02/12 Item 2 513/1(45)</p>	<p><b>4. Medium Term Financial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel, recalling that it had identified the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as its second priority, noted that scrutiny of the MTFP had been considered by the Chairmen's Committee. It was noted that the Committee had recommended that each Scrutiny Panel consider the MTFP in relation to the Ministers and Departments within its remit. It was further noted that the Committee had recommended that a Corporate Services Sub-Panel be established to consider process, financial and socio-economic issues as they related to the MTFP and to receive the briefing papers from each Panel on the work they had undertaken. Consideration was given to the Committee's recommendation that a Sub-Panel be established, including the impact that such a Sub-Panel might have on the work the Panel itself might undertake on the MTFP. It was ultimately agreed that the Panel was not averse to the establishment of the Sub-Panel or the involvement of other Panels' Members in its work, but that further clarification was required regarding the Committee's intentions for scrutiny of the MTFP. It was noted that, in line with the Committee's other recommendation, briefings from the Chief Minister's Department and the Department of Treasury and Resources would be arranged.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of an indicative timetable for development of the MTFP that had been received from the Department of Treasury and Resources. The Panel was advised that arrangements had been made for a briefing on the MTFP to be provided by the Treasurer of the States at 1:00pm on 8th March 2012. It was agreed that the Panel's review of the MTFP would be scoped once the briefing had been received.</p>	WM
<p>08/02/12 Item 9</p>	<p><b>5. Executive Information</b></p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of a briefing paper on the 2012 Business Plan of the Chief Minister's Department.</p>	
<p>11/01/12 Item 6 513/1(41)</p>	<p><b>6. Work Programme</b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the Panel's work programme for 2012 and, in particular, the work that the Panel would undertake from September 2012 onwards. A number of topic areas were suggested, including tax and spend; property and long-term capital expenditure; and Human</p>	

	Resources (in particular the policies of the States Employment Board and the Terms and Conditions Review). It was noted that, in selecting topics for review, a number of matters would need to be taken into account, including the Panel's Terms of Reference and whether the topic under consideration was of public importance. The Panel ultimately agreed to defer consideration of its work programme and possible work topics to its next meeting.	
<b>08/02/12 Item 6</b>	<b>7. Visit to the House of Commons</b>  The Panel noted the arrangements for its visit to the House of Commons on 14th March 2012	
	<b>8. Questioning Training</b>  The Panel noted the arrangements for the provision of questioning training to Scrutiny Members on 15th and 16th March 2012.	
	<b>9. Future Meetings</b>  The Panel noted the meetings scheduled to take place before the end of March 2012.	