

Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

PUBLIC MEETING

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Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd July 2008
Meeting 83

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman [Item 2a for a time] Connétable G.F. Butcher Deputy S. Pitman
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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[14/07/08, Item 6]	<p>1. Annual Business Plan The Panel noted that a briefing would be held on 24th July 2008 at which each Minister would present his or her departmental key objectives as outlined in <i>Draft 2009 Annual Business Plan</i> (P.113/2008). The Officer was requested to clarify and advise the Panel of the order in which Ministers would make their presentations and of the location of the briefing.</p> <p>The Panel was advised that correspondence had been received from Senator M.E. Vibert, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, in response to the report the Panel had produced on the draft proposals and provisional cash limits for the 2009 Annual Business Plan. It was noted that the correspondence would be circulated to the Panel.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
[22/07/08, Item 2]	<p>2. Police Force Law a) Advisor The Panel held an interview with a prospective candidate for the position of expert advisor. This part of the meeting was held in private session under Articles 3.2.1(a)(i), 3.2.1(a)(xii) and 3.2.1(a)(xiii) of <i>Code of Practice on Public Access to Official Information</i>. Subsequent to the interview, the Panel considered all the interviews it had held and agreed the appointment of an expert advisor.</p> <p>b) General Matters Subsequent to its appointment of an expert advisor, the Panel considered the next stages in its review of <i>Draft Police Force (States) (Jersey) Law 200-</i>. It was agreed that each interviewee would be advised of the Panel's decisions. It was noted that a contract and terms of engagement would be drafted and subsequently agreed that the Chairman would oversee this matter. It was further noted that the contract would ultimately be forwarded to the Chairmen's Committee.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that, subsequent to agreement of the contract, its expert advisor would be asked for input into the finalisation of Terms of</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

	<p>Reference for the review. It was noted that the Terms of Reference would be forwarded in due course to Senator W. Kinnard, Minister for Home Affairs.</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement that the week beginning 11th August 2008 would be most suitable for Public Hearings to be held. It was noted that advice had been received from the Department of Home Affairs that the week might be feasible from the Minister's perspective. The Officer was requested to make the necessary arrangements for a Hearing to be held on 11th August 2008. The Panel was requested to keep 12th August 2008 free in the event that the Panel would need to meet that day.</p> <p>The Panel considered the production of a call for public submissions. The Officer was requested to begin drafting a call for evidence. It was agreed that Deputy J. Gallichan would oversee the production of the call for evidence whilst other Panel Members were away during the week beginning 28th July 2008. The Panel considered whether it would be feasible to produce a call for evidence before the draft law had been made publicly accessible; the Officer was requested to liaise with the Department of Home Affairs to discuss the matter.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would meet its advisor on either 7th or 8th August 2008.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the provisions of Standing Order 72 and whether a draft law or draft regulations could be referred to a Scrutiny Panel if that Panel had already produced a report on the item of legislation in question. It was agreed that clarification of the matter would be beneficial.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
[22/07/08, Item 1]	<p>3. Customs and Immigration</p> <p>Noting the advice that had been received in relation to the availability of the Minister for Home Affairs, the Panel agreed that it would seek to hold a Public Hearing on the Customs and Immigration Review on 11th August 2008. The Officer was requested to make the necessary arrangements.</p>	WM
[14/07/08, Item 5]	<p>4. Firearms Law</p> <p>The Panel recalled its agreement to identify potential questions for submission to the Minister for Home Affairs and to forward these questions to the lead officer by 25th July 2008.</p>	