

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 27th March 2014

Meeting No: 153

Present	Senator S.C. Ferguson, Chairman Deputy J.G. Reed, Vice-Chairman Connétable D.W. Mezbourian [Apologies for Item 2] Deputy R.J. Rondel
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister [Item 1 and part of Item 2] Senator P.F. Routier MBE, Assistant Chief Minister [Item 1 and part of Item 2] Mr. J. Richardson, Chief Executive [Item 1 and part of Item 2] Mr. T. Walker, Director – International Affairs [Item 1 and part of Item 2] Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Miss. S. McKee, Scrutiny Officer

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26/03/14 Item 8 513/1(40)	1. Quarterly Public Hearing with Chief Minister The Panel received Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, for a Quarterly Public Hearing. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Senator P.F. Routier MBE, Assistant Chief Minister, Mr. J. Richardson, Chief Executive, and Mr. T. Walker, Director – International Affairs. The proceedings were recorded in order that a transcript could be made.	
26/03/14 Item 11 513/42	2. Public Sector Pensions Connétable D.W. Mezbourian, as a Member of the States Employment Board, declared an interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting. The Panel, with the Chief Minister in attendance, recalled that its review of proposed reforms to the Public Employees Contributory Retirement Scheme (PECRS) was some two weeks behind schedule. The Panel therefore requested that the Chief Minister defer the debate on <i>Draft Public Employees Pensions (Jersey) Law 201- (P.28/2014)</i> by one sitting to 13th May 2014. The Chief Minister advised that he could accede to the request. Following the Chief Minister's withdrawal from the meeting, the Panel considered a revised Scoping Document and Project Plan for its review. It was noted that the documentation took into account the increased anticipated cost of using an expert advisor and the fact that the review would be split into two phases, with Phase 1 to last until the debate on the draft Law. The revised Scoping Document and Project Plan were approved. Consideration was given to the timetable for the review and, in	

	<p>particular, whether public hearings could be held before the draft Law was debated. The Panel was advised that, even if the debate on the draft Law were deferred until 13th May 2014, there would remain insufficient time for the Panel to hold public hearings and for the evidence received to be incorporated within any report prepared by the Panel before the debate on the draft Law. The Panel agreed that, nevertheless, it would ideally be beneficial if public hearings could be held. The Panel therefore requested that provisional arrangements be made for public hearings. The Panel also agreed that, as a means of mitigating the identified problem of timetabling, it would seek written submissions from the Chairman of the PECRS Committee of Management and from employee representatives.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
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