

# Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 6th February 2017

Present	Deputy T. A. Vallois, Vice-Chairman Deputy J. M. Maçon Deputy S. Y. Mezec
Apologies	Deputy L. M. C. Doublet, Chairman
Absent	
In attendance	Mr M. Robbins, Scrutiny Officer

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	<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>  Minutes of the meetings held on 5th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 24th and 25th January 2017 were approved and signed.	<b>MR</b>
<b>Item 3 09.01.17</b>	<b>2. Conflict of Interest</b>  There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
<b>Item 3 09.01.17</b>	<b>3. Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978 Reform</b>  The Panel considered the areas of interest might be outside the remit of the Panel and recognised that the areas were more in line with the remit of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel. An approach would be made to the Chairman of that Panel to establish how best to approach the concerns over medicinal use of cannabis.	<b>TV</b>
	<b>4. Jersey Fire and Rescue Service</b>  The Panel discussed a letter that had been sent to all States Members from the Chairman of the Fire and Rescue Service association that outlined concerns relating to pay and pensions, which, if not resolved, might lead to industrial action.  The Panel agreed to ask a question about this at the quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Home Affairs which was due in March.	<b>MR</b>
	<b>5. Police Headquarters</b>  The Panel decided that a visit to the new Police Headquarters building would be useful in order for the Members to understand how the Police Force will operate from its new HQ.  The Panel also questioned whether some of the vacated space from the Rouge Bouillon Police Headquarters might be used to expand Rouge Bouillon School.	<b>MR</b>  <b>MR</b>
<b>Item 9 04.07.16  516/45</b>	<b>6. Nursery Education Fund</b>  The Panel noticed that in an answer to written question from the Deputy of St John in the States on Monday 30th January, the Minister for Education stated that the introduction of means testing for nursery places	

	<p>had been postponed until September 2018. The Panel questioned how there could be any certainty for those impacted by the decision.</p> <p>In order to understand further, the Panel decided to follow up on its review into the topic by inviting the Jersey Early Years Association to a public hearing to inform the Panel of the consequences of the Minister's decision.</p> <p>The Panel further agreed to lodge an oral question for the Minister for Education at the next States sitting.</p> <p>This matter was also to be contained within the questioning of the Minister at the next quarterly public hearing.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p>
	<p><b>7. Education Department Business Plan.</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the business plan for the Education Department was due to be published at the end of February 2017.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>
<p><b>516/46</b></p> <p><b>Item 1</b></p> <p><b>25.01.17</b></p>	<p><b>8. Tertiary Education: Student Finance</b></p> <p>The Panel approved the draft report from the Panel Advisor and received the final report from Resilience Development who had undertaken the workshops in the schools.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was ready to draft its report for the review and approved a draft 'heads of report', which outlined the basis of how the report would be drafted. It agreed that the report should be ready for presentation to the States by mid-March.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>
	<p><b>9. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held between 0930 and 1200hrs on Monday 27th February 2017 in the Blampied Room.</p>	<p><b>MR</b></p>