

Education & Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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Record of Meeting

Date: 22nd July 2008
Meeting 82

Present	Deputy D.W. Mezbourian, Chairman Deputy J. Gallichan, Vice-Chairman Connétable G.F. Butcher [Items 1, 2a (for a time), 2b and 3] Deputy S. Pitman [Items 1, 2a (for a time), 2b and 3]
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer Mr. T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer [Item 1]

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[14/07/08, Item 2]	<p>1. Customs and Immigration</p> <p>The Panel received copies of the draft Heads of Report. It was agreed that Panel Members would consider the document and forward comments to the Scrutiny Office. Following the postponement of the Public Hearings of 25th July 2008, it was noted that advice had been received of the availability for Hearings of Senator W. Kinnard, Minister for Home Affairs, during August 2008.</p>	Panel
[16/07/08, Item 1]	<p>2. Police Force Law</p> <p>a) General Matters</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt from the Department of Home Affairs of a law-drafting brief, dated 4th March 2004, for the <i>Draft Police Force (States) (Jersey) Law 200-</i>.</p> <p>The Panel was advised by the Chairman that the Chairmen's Committee had passed comment on the proposed timescale of the review at the Committee's meeting on 18th July 2008.</p> <p>The Panel considered the subsequent steps to be taken on the review and noted that, dependent on the format chosen, a call for submissions from the public could potentially be made before the draft law was lodged.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that a scoping document and provisional Terms of Reference had been approved for the review. The Officer was requested to bring copies to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the Panel would most likely seek the views of the Comité des Connétables and the Comité des Chefs de Police. The Officer was requested to contact both Comités to advise them of this fact and to ascertain how quickly the Comités would be able to respond to any request made.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

	<p>The Panel recalled that advice had been received on the availability of the Minister for Home Affairs in August 2008. Consideration was given to the potential timescale of the Police Force Law Review and it was agreed that the week beginning 11th August 2008 would be most suitable for Public Hearings to be held. The Officer was requested to make inquiries as to whether the Minister could attend on 11th or 12th August 2008.</p> <p>It was noted that the draft law had been distributed for comment to all States Members. It was further noted that one Member had forwarded for the Panel's attention a copy of the submission that the Member had made to the Minister for Home Affairs. It was agreed that a request should be made for the Panel to receive a copy of all the consultation correspondence received by the Minister.</p> <p>b) 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>.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
<p>[14/07/08, Item 3]</p>	<p>3. Social Inclusion – Mont-à-l'Abbé The Panel noted that a draft report had been prepared for its consideration. It was further noted that the draft report might not have reached all Panel Members and the Officer was therefore requested to circulate the draft by e-mail.</p>	<p>WM</p>