

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd May 2013

Meeting No: 53

Present	Deputy S.G. Luce, Chairman Connétable S.W. Pallett, Vice-Chairman Connétable M.J. Paddock
Apologies	
In attendance	Mr T. Oldham, Scrutiny Officer Mrs J. Hales, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	1. Records of Meetings The record of the Panel's meeting held on 8th May 2013 was approved by the Panel and signed accordingly by the Chairman.	
23/5/13 Item 3 515/3(20)	2. McKinsey Review The Panel was advised of arrangements for it to receive from Jersey Finance confidential documentation relating to the McKinsey Report, including the signing of confidentially agreements and the return of the documentation at the end of the meeting. Whilst noting and respecting the commercial sensitivity of the information concerned, the Panel agreed that under these circumstances it would be unable to satisfactorily scope its planned Review of the implementation of the McKinsey Review recommendations, and would therefore decline receipt of the documentation in these circumstances. It was further agreed that the Chairman would contact the Chief Minister outlining the Panel's concerns and request more appropriate arrangements for it to receive the necessary documentation to be able to carry out its work.	SL
27/2/13 Item 4 515/1(24)	3. Economic Development Department Workstream The Panel received and considered the workstream of the Economic Development Department. It was noted that various items appeared outdated, and the Panel requested that the relevant sections should be updated by the Department and ahead of the next Panel meeting.	JH/TO
27/2/13 Item 3 515/27	4. Tourism Shadow Board The Panel noted that it had not as yet been informed by the Economic Development Department of the appointments made to the new Tourism Shadow Board. However, it understood that this information was to be published shortly, although it was also aware that the membership was already known to a number of industry stakeholders. The Panel agreed to request confirmation of the membership of the Tourism Shadow Board from the Department, along with the number of applications that had been submitted.	
23/5/13	5. Jersey Innovation Fund	

<p>Item 1 515/26</p>	<p>The Panel considered the 'Phase 1 Implementation Timetable' and 'Phase 2 Project Plan' received from the Economic Development Department, and agreed that it would not be necessary to undertake work at this time. It would continue to monitor developments in order to plan the appropriate timing of its next work on the matter.</p>	
<p>23/5/13 Item 5 515/1(24)</p>	<p>6. Digital Skills/Digital Jersey</p> <p>The Panel received an update from the Vice-Chairman on the progress of the Digital Skills/Digital Jersey Sub-Panel Review that he was chairing, and was advised that the remaining membership of the Sub-Panel had been confirmed as the Connétables of St Mary and St Lawrence and Deputy J.M. Maçon. The Sub-Panel had held its first meeting, and was now awaiting the 'IT Strategy 2013-2015' from the Education, Sport and Culture Department which would inform the Review's final scoping and Terms of Reference. In the meantime, the Sub-Panel had identified a number of potential briefings and areas of research that would be pursued.</p>	
<p>10/4/13 Item 6 515/24</p>	<p>7. Financial Services Ombudsman</p> <p>The Panel was advised about the progress of drafting of the Financial Services Ombudsman legislation, and it was noted that the Primary Legislation was in the final stages of drafting. The Panel agreed therefore that it would request a briefing from the Economic Development Department on that legislation and the related timetable, in anticipation of launching its planned Review.</p>	<p>TO</p>
<p>23/5/13 Item 3 515/3(19)</p>	<p>8. Enterprise Strategy</p> <p>The Panel was presented with an updated Programme Plan from the Economic Development Department, which advised that a draft White Paper would be produced during the week commencing 27th May 2013, when the Panel would also be due to receive a copy along with a briefing from the Department. The Panel agreed that once it had received this document and the briefing, it would be better placed to determine the scope of any potential Review.</p> <p>In addition, the Panel requested a list of the key stakeholders with whom the Department had consulted or would be consulting on the draft Strategy.</p>	<p>JH/TO</p>
<p>3/10/13 Item 1 515/1(24)</p>	<p>9. Ports of Jersey Incorporation</p> <p>The Panel received an update paper on the progress of the Incorporation of Ports of Jersey.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would request the draft Primary Legislation White Paper, together with the associated timetable, before finalising the scope and nature of this stage of its Review.</p>	<p>JH/TO</p>
<p>515/3(21)</p>	<p>10. Topic Proposal – Financial Services Regulation</p> <p>The Panel received a topic proposal for a Review named "Who Regulates the Financial Services Regulator?" which had been submitted by a member of the Public. A Scrutiny Review of the same name was currently being undertaken in Guernsey.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that although it would not be undertaking such a Review at this time, it would monitor the Review in Guernsey, which</p>	

	might inform whether such a Review could be beneficial in Jersey. In the meantime, the Panel agreed that it would undertake some background research into the accountability of the Jersey Financial Services Commission to confirm its understanding of the situation. It also agreed to write to the topic proposer to thank him for his proposal and to advise about the decisions that it had taken.	JH/TO
515/1(24)	<p>11. Quarterly Hearing Update</p> <p>The Panel noted ongoing delays to its proposed Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Economic Development. Although accepting that the limited availability of the Minister was unavoidable at present, the Panel agreed that, if necessary, the attendance of the Chief Minister in his place could be explored as an alternative with the Economic Development Department if required. A number of potential dates were identified to be provided to the Department for the Hearing.</p>	JH/TO
10/4/13 Item 8 515/23	<p>12. Aircraft Registry</p> <p>The Chairman updated the Panel on a meeting that he had attended with the Chief Minister, and which included the Chief Officer, Economic Development Department, and H.M. Attorney General, to discuss the progress of the Aircraft Registry project. The Chairman had been informed that a letter was due to be sent to the Minister for Commerce and Employment in Guernsey shortly outlining Jersey's position and preferred Registry model.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that it remained disappointed at the slow pace at which this project appeared to be progressing, and agreed to request confirmation that the letter had been sent and to question the Minister on the topic at the planned Quarterly Hearing.</p>	JH/TO
8/5/13 Item 8 515/1(24)	<p>13. Condor Ferries</p> <p>The Panel recalled that the current permit arrangement for Condor Ferries was due to end in December 2013, and that provision for a five year permit had been outlined in the Channel Island Joint Policy Statement issued in December 2012. It agreed that as part of its meeting with Ports of Jersey after its planned tour of St Helier harbours, it would request an update on the current situation regarding the length and conditions of the new ramp permit.</p>	
465/1(182)	<p>14. Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC): Machinery of Government (MOGR) Sub-Committee</p> <p>As requested by the Chairmen's Committee, the Panel considered the recommendations of the Privileges and Procedures Machinery of Government Sub-Committee report. The Panel agreed that the Chairman's submission which had been recently circulated could be used as a Panel response, after Recommendation 7 had been re-circulated for further consideration and any comments duly collated.</p>	
515/1(24)	<p>15. Security Interests (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-</p> <p>The Panel considered an outline briefing paper from the Finance Industry Development section on the imminent Trusts (Amendment No.6) (Jersey) Law 201-, alongside advice that was intended to be lodged for debate before the summer recess. The Panel asked that it be provided with a briefing on the legislation, once drafting was complete.</p>	JH/TO

<p>8/5/13 Item 10 515/1(29)</p>	<p>16. Briefing Visits</p> <p>The Panel noted arrangements were being progressed for the following site visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ports of Jersey – St Helier Harbour • Jersey Business/Digital Jersey • Jersey Gambling Commission • Rural Economy <p>It confirmed its availability on 6th June from 10am to 12pm to visit Jersey Business and Digital Jersey.</p>	<p>TO</p>
	<p>17. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 12th June 2013, 10.30am, Le Capelain Room States Building.</p>	<p>JH/TO</p>