

Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Meeting No. 40

10th May 2007
Blampied Room

Present Deputy G. P. Southern, Chairman
Deputy A. Breckon, Vice-Chairman
Connétable M. K. Jackson
Deputy J. A. Martin
Deputy K. C. Lewis

Apologies

Absent

In attendance Mr W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p>1. Records of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved and signed the records of its meetings of 21st March, 28th March and 25th April 2007. The Panel also approved the notes of the Dairy Review meeting with the Chief Minister on 11th April 2007 and the Airport briefing on 19th April 2007.</p>	
	<p>2. Dairy Review</p> <p>The Panel received an oral report from Deputy A. Breckon regarding work that could potentially be undertaken in following up the recommendations made within <i>Review of the Dairy Industry</i> (SR4/2007). It was noted that the Dairy Review Sub-Panel no longer existed and that responsibility for ensuring that recommendations were followed up therefore lay with the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to delegate responsibility to Deputy Breckon for following up the recommendations that had been made. It was noted that Deputy Breckon intended to send a letter to the Chief Minister, Senator F.H. Walker, to ask what actions had been taken.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>NF</p>
[28/03/07, Item 1]	<p>3. Jersey Airport</p> <p>The Panel considered matters arising from the confidential briefing it had received on 19th April 2007 regarding Jersey Airport.</p> <p>During its consideration, the Panel recalled that written questions had been put in the States Assembly to the Minister for Economic Development, Senator P.C.F Ozouf. The Panel was advised that the Chairman would possibly make a statement to the Assembly on the use of question time by Scrutiny Panels.</p>	
[25/04/07, Item 1]	<p>4. Retail Strategy Review</p> <p>The Panel noted that only one comment had been received in relation to <i>Retail Strategy (Interim) Review</i> (SR9/2007).</p> <p>The Panel discussed the history of the Retail Strategy and also</p>	

	<p>considered the action it would subsequently wish to take in relation to the Strategy. It agreed to lodge a proposition <i>au Greffe</i> in which the Minister for Economic Development would be asked to cease work on this issue pending the production of further evidence. The Panel would set out in the report accompanying the proposition the nature of the evidence that it would wish the Minister to produce.</p>	Panel / NF
	<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>The Panel noted the actions undertaken on requests made at its previous meetings. It was noted that some Panel Members had not received the Experian Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of the briefing notes of the Chairmen's Committee meeting of 13th April 2007. Particular reference was made to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interim review of the service provided by Orchid Communications would be conducted. • Deputies R.G. Le Hérisier and J.G. Reed would look at Scrutiny working practices. • The Committee had agreed to the recruitment of a junior administrative assistant on a one-year contract. • A Sub-Panel had been established to consider the Annual Business Plan from the perspective of the Department of Social Security. • Expenditure for the provision of a media feed in the Scrutiny rooms had been approved. <p>It was further noted that the Chairmen's Committee would next meet on 18th May 2007.</p>	
	<p>6. Enterprise and Business Development Strategy</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of <i>Enterprise and Business Development Strategy</i>. It further noted an offer, dated 16th April 2007, from the Department of Economic Development to provide the Panel with a briefing on the Strategy. The Panel agreed to invite the Minister for Economic Development to a meeting on 25th May 2007 in order to consider the Strategy within the context of the Annual Business Plan 2008. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to take the appropriate action.</p>	WM
	<p>7. Questions to Ministers</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Minister for Treasury and Resources and the Chief Minister would answer questions without notice at the States sitting of 15th May 2007.</p>	
	<p>8. Confidentiality</p> <p>The Panel considered correspondence, dated 20th April, from the Chairman to the Chief Minister regarding a recent breach of confidence at a Public Hearing held on 30th March 2007 for the Income Support Review. The Panel was advised that a further breach had apparently subsequently occurred in relation to this Review. However, it was noted that this information had previously been made public by Officers of the Department of Social Security at the Public Hearing on 30th March 2007.</p>	
	<p>9. Fulfilment</p>	

	<p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence, dated 28th March 2007, from Mr. S. Graham, Managing Director of dvd.co.uk Ltd, regarding the implementation and impact of the fulfilment policy. It was agreed to forward the correspondence to the Minister for Economic Development and to ask him to comment upon the content of the correspondence.</p>	NF
	<p>10. Funding for Jersey Royals</p> <p>The Panel considered a media release of 12th April 2007 that comprised a statement by the Minister for Economic Development on funding for Jersey Royals. The Panel noted that a sum of £250,000 had been provided in 2007 for that year's Jersey Royals campaign. It was further noted that the release did not indicate the amount of funding that had been given in previous years.</p> <p>The Panel considered that it would be difficult to assess the efficacy of the Jersey Royals campaign (and the impact of the funding) until the potato season had finished. It was noted that the Panel could return to this matter at that time.</p>	
[07/03/07, Item 4]	<p>11. Strategic Plan</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of correspondence, dated 23rd April 2007, from the Minister for Economic Development regarding progress against Strategic Plan initiatives. It was noted that questions relating to this matter could be raised at the meeting with the Minister to be held on 25th May 2007.</p>	
	<p>12. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel agreed to meet at 9:30am on 23rd May 2007. Apologies for this meeting were received from Deputy A. Breckon and Connétable M.K. Jackson.</p>	
[21/03/07, Item 4]	<p>13. Jersey Telecom</p> <p>The Panel was advised that the Chairman had undertaken correspondence with Mr. B. Ogley, Chief Executive, regarding the Chairman's dissatisfaction with the Terms of Reference for Dr. D. Parker.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it would need to consider at some juncture the question of when to lodge a proposition in relation to Recommendation 2 of <i>Jersey Telecoms – Privatisation (SR5/2007)</i>.</p>	

Signed

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Chairman Deputy G. P. Southern
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