

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday 8th March 2016, at 09.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, William James Bailhache, Esquire.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, General Sir John McColl, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. was present.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Paul Francis Routier – ill
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Peter – ill
Deputy Richard John Rondel of St. Helier – ill
Deputy Simon Muir Brée of St. Clement – en défaut

Prayers

Beaulieu Convent and Grands Vaux School students - welcome

The Bailiff, on behalf of all members, welcomed Year 5 students from Beaulieu Convent School and Grands Vaux School, who were present in the Public Gallery.

International Women's Day

The Bailiff, on behalf of all members, welcomed Senator Z.A. Cameron, Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence, Connétable J. Gallichan of St. Mary, Connétable S.A. Le Sueur-Rennard of St. Saviour, Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville, Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier, Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. John, Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement and Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Tourism (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Order 2016.

Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture.

R&O.25/2016.

Fire and Rescue Service (Charges) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2016. *Minister for Home Affairs*.

R&O.26/2016.

Road Racing (International Festival of Motoring) (Jersey) Order 2016. *Minister for Infrastructure*.

R&O.27/2016.

Documents presented or laid

Planning Applications Committee Decisions: report for 2015.

R.18/2016.

Presented: 25th February 2016. *Planning Applications Committee*.

Review of Financial Management – Part 2.

R.19/2016.

Presented: 25th February 2016. *Comptroller and Auditor General.*

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Housing – Residential Tenancy

R.20/2016.

(Jersey) Law 2011.

Presented: 2nd March 2016.

Minister for Housing.

Jersey Child Care Trust: re-appointment of Chairman.

R.21/2016.

Presented: 2nd March 2016. *Minister for Education*.

Draft Budget 2016 (S.R.10/2015): response of the Minister for Treasury and

S.R.10/2015.

Res.

Resources.

Presented: 2nd March 2016.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Notification of lodged propositions

 $Draft\ Children's\ Property\ and\ Tuteurs\ (Jersey)\ Law\ 201-\ (P.156/2015):\ amendment.$

P.156/2015. Amd.

Lodged: 8th March 2016. *Chief Minister*.

Draft Education (Provided Schools – Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.14/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016.

Minister for Education.

Draft Education (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.15/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016.

Minister for Education.

Draft Pet Travel Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.16/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016.

Minister for the Environment.

Draft Animal Health (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.17/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016. *Minister for the Environment.*

Draft EU Legislation (Aquatic Animal Health) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.18/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016. *Minister for the Environment.*

Draft Telecommunications (Amendment No. 3) and Crime (Miscellaneous Provisions)

P.19/2016.

(Jersey) Law 201-. Lodged: 1st March 2016.

Chief Minister.

Draft Intellectual Property (Plant Varieties) (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.20/2016.

Lodged: 2nd March 2016. *Chief Minister*.

Jersey Police Complaints Authority: re-appointment of members.

P.21/2016.

Lodged: 2nd March 2016. *Minister for Home Affairs*.

Written Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- 1. The Minister for Home Affairs tabled an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of Grouville regarding duty free hydrocarbon oil.
- 2. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier regarding the e-Government Design Authority tender.
- 3. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier regarding assistance being provided by Digital Jersey in the delivery of e-Government.
- 4. The Minister for Health and Social Services tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the costs of the future hospital consultation.
- 5. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding car parking at the International Finance Centre.
- 6. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the staff cost-savings set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 7. The Minister for Home Affairs tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the introduction of a new criminal offence for inciting racial or religious hatred.
- 8. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Ouen regarding the amount of Income Tax to be collected following the assessment of the Social Security pension entitlement for 2015.
- 9. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding the engagement of consultants by departments.
- 10. The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the accommodation components of Income Support.
- 11. The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding a possible review of the States of Jersey finance function.
- 12. The Minister for Housing tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding rental support available to low-income families.
- 13. The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the rental component of Income Support.

14. The Minister for Infrastructure tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the outsourcing of cleaning and gardening services.

- 15. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the impact of staffing reductions upon the Career Average Revalued Earnings pension scheme.
- 16. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier regarding the skills required by Jersey's digital industry.
- 17. The Chief Minister tabled an answer to question asked by Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier regarding the support provided to Jersey's digital industry in accordance with the objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- 1. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the number of Parks and Gardens staff and cleaners at risk of redundancy as a result of outsourcing proposals.
- 2. The Deputy of Grouville asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the cost of redundancies and the possible rise in Income Support costs against the cost to the States of outsourcing services.
- 3. The Connétable of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding traffic survey reports compiled by Jersey in Transition.
- 4. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the factors taken into account when deciding what constituted a 'responsible employer'.
- 5. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the timetable for the implementation of the outsourced provision of cleaning and gardening services.
- 6. Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the use of States' property assets.
- 7. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the number of meetings held with employees of the Department for Infrastructure and the Unions about proposed changes to service provision.
- 8. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the proposed outsourcing of jobs at the Department for Infrastructure.
- 9. The Connétable of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the monitoring and improvement of the Island's air quality.
- 10. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the social and economic impact of plans to outsource Department for Infrastructure jobs.

11. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding local government public-private partnerships.

12. Deputy A.D. Lewis of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the definition of 'middle' and 'high' earners.

Urgent Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked the following question of the Chief Minister which the Bailiff had allowed in accordance with Standing Order 15 relating to urgent oral questions –

"What disciplinary action, if any, will the Chief Minister be taking against the 2 civil servants who travelled to South Africa on business class flights costing almost £13,000 on the basis that they were to begin working immediately upon arrival, given that they have since admitted that they actually played golf when they arrived?"

The Connétable of St. Helier asked the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure which the Bailiff had allowed in accordance with Standing Order 15 relating to urgent oral questions –

"For what reasons the Minister did not communicate to States Members that he intended to sign a Ministerial Decision in respect of the lease on the fuel farm at La Collette, St. Helier, immediately following the approval of the matter by the Council of Ministers on 24th February; and, notwithstanding changes to Standing Orders in 2014, if he will postpone the passing of the contract for the lease renewal in order to provide States Members with the customary 15-day period for scrutiny?"

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Social Security answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Education answered questions without notice from members.

Public Employees Contributory Retirement Scheme Committee of Management: membership P.8/2016

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Chief Minister, in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of the Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (General) (Jersey) Regulations 1989, appointed Mr. Joseph Moynihan as an employer representative on the Committee of Management, for the period ending 31st December 2018.

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES agreed the following arrangement of public business for future meetings proposed, as amended, by the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 88(3) –

22nd March 2016

Social Security Tribunal: appointment of Deputy Chairmen and re-appointment of

P.11/2016.

members.

Lodged: 23rd February 2016.

Minister for Social Security.

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Deputy Chairmen.

P.12/2016.

Lodged: 23rd February 2016. *Minister for Social Security*.

Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Deputy Chairmen.

P.13/2016.

Lodged: 23rd February 2016. *Minister for Social Security*.

La Collette Low Rise Development: direction to Andium Homes Ltd.

P.139/2015.

Lodged: 9th November 2015.

Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier.

Draft Children's Property and Tuteurs (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.156/2015.

Lodged: 15th December 2015.

Chief Minister.

Draft Children's Property and Tuteurs (Jersey) Law 201- (P.156/2015): amendment.

P.156/2015.

Lodged: 8th March 2016.

Amd.

Chief Minister.

Draft EU Legislation (Veterinary Checks – Imports from Third Countries) (Jersey)

Draft EU Legislation (Veterinary and Zootechnical Checks – Trade with Member

P.5/2016.

Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 29th January 2016.

Minister for the Environment.

States) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.6/2016.

Lodged: 29th January 2016.

Minister for the Environment.

Draft Aircraft (Registration) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.7/2016.

Lodged: 2nd February 2016.

Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture.

Electronic voting.

P.10/2016.

Lodged: 17th February 2016.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

12th April 2016

Draft Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.120/2015.

Lodged: 15th October 2015.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Draft Pet Travel Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.16/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016. *Minister for the Environment.*

Draft Animal Health (Jersey) Law 201-. P.17/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016. *Minister for the Environment.*

Draft EU Legislation (Aquatic Animal Health) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.18/2016.

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Draft Telecommunications (Amendment No. 3) and Crime (Miscellaneous Provisions) P.19/2016.

(Jersey) Law 201-.

Lodged: 1st March 2016.

Chief Minister.

Jersey Police Complaints Authority: re-appointment of members. P.21/2016.

Lodged: 2nd March 2016. *Minister for Home Affairs*.

26th April 2016

Draft Former La Motte Street School (Validation and Abrogation of Covenants) P.9/2016.

(Jersey) Law 201-.

Lodged: 17th February 2016.

Minister for Infrastructure.

Draft Education (Provided Schools – Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.14/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016.

Minister for Education.

Draft Education (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.15/2016.

Lodged: 29th February 2016.

Minister for Education.

Draft Intellectual Property (Plant Varieties) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.20/2016.

Lodged: 2nd March 2016.

Chief Minister.

THE STATES rose at 12.54 p.m.

DR. M. EGAN

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