

## Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006  
Le Capelain Room, States Building

Present Deputy P J D Ryan, Chairman  
Senator J L Perchard, Vice-Chairman  
Connétable D Murphy  
Deputy J Gallichan

Apologies Connétable J L S Gallichan

Absent

In attendance Mr M Haden, Scrutiny Officer  
Miss S Power, Scrutiny Officer

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1.	<b>Notes from meeting with Chief Minister</b> – The Panel approved the notes of the meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2006.	
2.	<b>Minutes</b> – The Panel approved the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2006.	
3.	<b>Chairman’s report</b> – a. The Panel received notes of the weekly briefing meeting with the Chairman, dated 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2006. b. The Panel received the briefing sheet from the Chairmen’s Committee meeting, dated 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2006.	
4.	<b>Scrutiny Topic proposal</b> – a. The Panel noted a lost of topics considered for review, and requested for the following topics to be added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration Policy</li> <li>• 20% means 20% Proposals</li> </ul> b. The Panel received and noted a letter from Mr A Walton and a response from Ms P Staley concerning the addition of a commentary on Jersey Customary Law on Jersey’s legal website.	SP
5.  Item 8 e iii 13.04.06	<b>Fiscal Strategy Reviews</b> – a. <b>20% means 20%</b> - The Panel noted the intended lodging dates agreed by the Council of Ministers, and agreed that as a result of the Panel’s workload and the timescale proposed for this legislation, it would not be possible to review this topic. b. <b>Goods and Services Tax – draft Law</b> The Panel received an update report on this review. The Chairman informed the Panel that he would contact other members with regard to them joining the Sub Panel as a matter of urgency. c. <b>Zero/ten Tax Model</b> i. The Panel received the Zero/ten Design Proposal consultation document. ii. The Panel agreed the Sub Panel would consist of the following members:	<b>Chairman</b>

	<p>Senator J Perchard (Chairman)  Senator B Shenton  Deputy G Southern (subject to confirmation)  Deputy P Ryan</p> <p>It was agreed that Mr B Curtis would assist the Panel in the capacity of an adviser (unpaid).</p> <p>It was noted that Deputy Gallichan would not assist the Sub Panel with this review, as she was keen to pursue work on additional issues within the Panel's remit.</p> <p>The Panel noted the Chairmen's Committee paper on working practices for Sub-Panels.</p>	
6	<p><b>States Strategic Plan and States Business Plan 2007</b></p> <p>i. The Panel noted the Council of Ministers' paper dated 6<sup>th</sup> April and relevant Minutes.</p> <p>ii. The Panel noted the confidential appendices containing information on the provisional cash limits to departments.</p> <p>iii. The Panel noted the scoping document for the Panel's review into the Financial Framework of the draft Strategic Plan.</p> <p>iv. The Panel noted that the papers requested from the Treasury on the Dwelling House Loan Fund and the Stabilisation Fund had not yet been received; due to the Treasury's workload as a result of the release of the Zero/ten Design Proposal.</p> <p>v. The Panel agreed that, prior to the public hearing with the Minister on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006, it would be beneficial for an informal meeting to be arranged between Deputies Ryan and Gallichan, and Mr C Haws from the Treasury, in order to aid the Panel's understanding of the background and rationale to the figures in the proposed financial framework.</p> <p>The Panel requested for the Treasury to be informed that an additional area for the Minister to be questioned on at the public hearing would be the anti inflation strategy.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to provide officers with draft questions for the public hearing by the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006.</p> <p>vi. The Panel agreed that a Sub Panel, to include Senators Norman and Shenton, should be formed for this review. The Panel noted that the Senators were both able to attend the public hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006.</p> <p>vii. The Panel agreed that as a result of time constraints it would not be feasible to invite a group of local advisers to assist the Panel with this review.</p>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>MH</b></p> <p><b>Panel members</b></p>
7. Item 11 a 13.04.06	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>a. Questions from the public to Ministers</b>  The Panel agreed that in future all press releases should be prepared by its own officers rather than the Communications Unit.</p> <p><b>b. Centre for Public Scrutiny Conference</b>  The Chairman agreed to attend this conference on 28th June</p>	

on behalf of the Panel. The Panel noted that it would also be beneficial if it could be arranged for the Chairman to attend a select committee meeting during the course of this visit.

**c. Joint Scrutiny Public Meeting**

The Chairman agreed to represent the Panel at the joint Scrutiny public meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006, at Hautlieu School.

Signed

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Chairman, Corporate Services Panel

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