Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Review of School Examination Results

PUBLIC MEETING

Record of Meeting

Date: 16th March 2011

Present	Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier, Chairman	
	Deputy T.M. Pitman, Vice-Chairman	
	Deputy M. Tadier	
	Deputy J.M. Maçon	
Apologies		
Absent		
In attendance	Mr. W. Millow, Scrutiny Officer	

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09/03/11	1. Public Hearings		
516/28(8)	The Panel, considering a briefing paper that had previously been circulated, prepared for its public hearings. It identified questions that it would wish to put to Mr. J. Mills and Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, and noted that a draft question plan would be prepared and circulated.		
	The Panel was advised that Mr. Mills had asked whether he would be able to make an opening statement at his hearing. It was agreed that Mr. Mills, should he wish to make a statement, should be asked to put it in writing and to provide it ahead of the hearing.	WM	
	The Panel noted that it would meet Mr. Mills at 4:00pm on 24th March 2011 and the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture at 12:00pm on 25th March 2011. It was agreed to meet at 3:00pm on the 24th to prepare. The Panel was advised that an external venue had yet to be found for the hearings. Consideration was given to potential venues and the Scrutiny Officer was requested to make the necessary arrangements.	wm	
	2. Evidence-Gathering		
516/28(8)	The Panel was advised that the NASUWT – Jersey Branch had been in contact with the Chairman and had provided information relating to the publication of exam results. The Scrutiny Officer was requested to circulate the information amongst the Panel membership.		
	Noting that it had been suggested in recent press reports that the Statistics Unit should play a greater role in the collation and analysis of Jersey's exam statistics, the Panel agreed to enquire whether the Statistics Unit would, in theory, have the capacity to do that.	WM	

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