

### **Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**

#### **Records of Meetings**

2025

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

Signed

Chair

**Deputy Montford Tadier** 

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# Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel Record of Meeting

Date: 9th January 2025

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair Deputy Karen Wilson, Vice-Chair [via Teams] Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Jade Hahn, Research and Project Officer
	Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	
1. Records of Meetings	
The Panel approved the records of its meetings for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.	JH
2. Work Programme	
The Panel discussed its work programme for 2025 and noted the upcoming draft legislation within its remit, as identified in a letter received by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee from the Chief Minister. It acknowledged that the legislative programme would largely preoccupy the Panel's work for the year.	
The Panel reflected on the debate of the Draft Shipping (Registration) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202 [P.46/2024] and how correspondence to the Assembly had created political discourse in a short timeframe. The Panel confirmed with the Officer the formalised process for scrutinising legislation. The Panel expressed the need to adopt a more proactive stance on publication of Comments Papers outlining the scrutiny undertaken in its consideration of legislation and agreed that it would comment on all workstreams within the legislative programme for 2025 as and when it felt it suitable, whilst being mindful of its workload and resources.	PL/JH
The Panel further discussed the Shipping (Registration) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 2024 and agreed to include the matter as an area for questioning during its quarterly hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.	
The Panel discussed the potential meeting with Deputy Sam Mézec on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership but agreed it was not necessary at that time.	
The Panel then considered potential reviews or areas of questioning supplementary to the legislative programme.	
The ferry tender process was identified as an area for further exploration. The Panel noted an overlap with the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Comptroller and Auditor General, which were examining procurement processes, the administration	DI
of Government and transport links and agreed to stay informed on their work to avoid duplication. The Panel discussed the economic impact of the tender process,	PL

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including costs to the economy and the connection between economic value and reputational risk. It was noted that these elements fell under the Panel's remit. Accordingly, the Panel agreed that further consideration was required of how to best pose questions to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development on the matter and agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting. The Panel also agreed to draft a statement regarding the matter stating its intention to scrutinise the topic and announcing its intention to continue questioning the Minister for Sustainable Development.	SH
The Panel discussed staffing issues within the Economy Department and agreed to include this as an area for questioning within its quarterly hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.	PL/JH
The Panel discussed its ongoing Review of Acceptance of Cash Payments and noted that the draft report would shortly be forwarded for its consideration.	PL
The Panel noted that the cost of living had been highlighted as a potential area of public interest for scrutiny review. The Panel discussed the potential for a focused review to consider elements of the workstream that fell within its remit and considered forming a sub-panel. The Panel agreed to consider the matter further at a future meeting.	PL
3. Correspondence	
The Panel noted and discussed a <u>letter</u> it had received from the Minister for Sustainable Development on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 regarding the Ferry Operating Agreement. The Panel agreed that this would form part of the consideration of further questioning to the Minister on the topic.	
4. Any Other Business	
The Panel noted that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee was arranging potential questioning training with the Solicitor General and had extended the invite for training to all Scrutiny Panels. The Panel discussed the potential training and agreed that it would request dates from the Scrutiny Liaison Committee in the first instance.	PL
5. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted and agreed its meetings and hearings scheduled for 2025.	
The Panel noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place at 11:00am on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 in the States Building, Le Capelain Room.	

### **Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**

#### **Record of Meeting**

Date: 16th January 2025

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson, Vice-Chair [Items 2, 3 & 4 only]
	Deputy Max Andrews
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern
In attendance	Item 3 only
	Deputy Carolyn Labey, Minister for International Development
	Francis Walker, Policy Head, Cabinet Office
	Rose Dickinson, Policy Officer, Cabinet Office
	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Jade Hahn, Research and Project Officer
	Sarah Hopkins, Communications Officer [Items 1 & 2 only]

Agenda matter	Action
1. Work Programme	
The Panel discussed its work programme for 2025 and noted the recent publication of the Jersey: Future-fit Retail Roadmap. The Panel agreed to include the Roadmap as an area for questioning in its Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development scheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.	PL
2. Review: Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel noted and discussed the draft report for its Acceptance of Cash Payments Review.	
The Panel considered its key findings and recommendations and made a number of changes. The Panel requested that the Officer make the amendments and agreed to schedule a meeting to consider the updated report.	PL
The Panel expressed its thanks to the Officers for their work on the Review.	
3. Private Briefing: "National Day" and "Jersey Anthem"	
The Panel received the Minister for International Development and Government Officers regarding an update on the "National Day" and "Jersey Anthem" workstream.	
A private detailed file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Article 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).	JH
4. Post-Briefing Discussion	
The Panel discussed the private briefing and agreed to commence drafting a comments paper on the workstream.	PL

The Panel also discussed its potential review of the ferry tender process and considered meetings that could be considered, noting that a briefing with the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had been scheduled to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Panel further noted that the Comptroller and Auditor General's review of the Government's procurement processes was expected shortly and discussed the potential overlap of the reviews, as well as the work of other Scrutiny Panels.

#### 5. Future Meetings

The Panel noted the next scheduled meeting would take place at 12:00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the States Building, Blampied Room.

The Panel agreed that an earlier meeting should be scheduled to take place at 10:00am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Morier House, Icho Room.

# Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel Record of Meeting

Date: 20th January 2025

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson, Vice-Chair
	Deputy Max Andrews [via Teams]
Apologies	Deputy Geoff Southern
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Jade Hahn, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	
1. Review: Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel noted and discussed the draft report for its Acceptance of Cash Payments Review that had been updated following its last meeting.	
The Panel considered its key findings and recommendations and made a number of additional changes. The Panel requested that the Officer make the amendments and agreed to consider the updated report electronically before deciding whether to schedule a further meeting.	
The Panel noted the timeline it had anticipated for the publication of the final report agreeing that it would be beneficial to finalise the report in January 2025.	
The Panel noted an invite it had received from the Digital and Public Engagement team to create a video discussing the publication of the final report. The Chair accepted the invitation and requested that the Officer make the necessary arrangements.	PL
2. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted the next scheduled meeting would take place at 12:00pm on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the States Building, Blampied Room.	

# Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel Record of Meeting

Date: 23rd January 2025

Present	Deputy Montfort Tadier, Chair
	Deputy Karen Wilson, Vice-Chair
	Deputy Geoff Southern
	Deputy Max Andrews [via Teams]
In attendance	Peter Lamy, Committee and Panel Officer
	Jade Hahn, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Review: Acceptance of Cash Payments	
The Panel noted and discussed the draft report for its Acceptance of Cash Payments Review that had been updated following its last meeting.	
The Panel considered the body of the report and its findings and made a number of amendments that were actioned by the Officer.	
The Panel approved the final draft and agreed that it should be forwarded for fact checking prior to final approval for presentation to the States Assembly. The Panel requested that the Officer make the necessary arrangements.	PL
2. Future Meetings	
The Panel noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place at 12:00pm on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the Blampied Room of the States Building.	