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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(55th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)31st March 2020**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister, Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Children and Housing and Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator L.J. Farnham, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Minister for Education
 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Minister for Home Affairs
 Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment
 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville, Minister for International Development
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive
 M. Clark, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Emergency legislation relating to Covid-19; decision to lodge 'au Greffe.'

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 25th March 2020, considered further proposed legislative amendments, designed to provide additional public protection and facilitate the delivery of essential supplies and services, as a consequence of the Covid-19 outbreak in Jersey:

Draft Criminal Procedure (Jersey) Law 2018 (Appointed Day) (No.4) Act 202-
 The fourth Appointed Day Act would assist the response to Covid-19 by repealing Article 13 of the *Loi (1864) réglant la Procédure Criminelle* which provided that no criminal suspect could be detained in prison without a warrant signed by the Bailiff or a Jurat;

Draft Criminal Procedure (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 202-

Lodged by the Minister for Home Affairs as a consequence of the above draft Appointed Day Act, the draft Regulation would enable a Centenier to secure that an adult person, having been detained, could be transferred (pending that person's attendance before the Magistrate's Court), to prison, along with other minor consequential amendments. The Regulations would come into force on 3rd April 2020;

Draft Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment of Law No.2) (Covid-19 – Temporary Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202-

Lodged by the Minister for Home Affairs, the Regulations, if adopted, would amend the Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001, making changes to the part of the Law governing the certification of death by a medical practitioner. Pursuant to the formation of a Community Death Certification Team within Health and Community Services to certify all deaths in the community, the Regulations aimed to avoid unacceptable delays in registering deaths and it was noted that they had been endorsed by the Viscount and the Superintendent Registrar; and

Draft Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Covid-19-Temporary Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202-

The draft Regulations, to be lodged by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, would allow supermarkets, until 30th September 2020, to open at any time between 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on Sundays, Good Friday and Liberation Day by temporarily amending the Shops (Regulation of Opening) (Jersey) Regulations 2011. It was noted that supermarkets were currently permitted to open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on those days.

The Council accordingly noted the aforementioned draft legislation and endorsed the decision of the responsible Ministers to lodge the various Projets '*au Greffe*,' for consideration by the States Assembly on 2nd April 2020.