

MEETING OF THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE REVIEW ADVISORY PANEL

(4th Meeting)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014

14:00 – 15:00, Concord Room, 4th Floor, Cyril Le Marquand House

Attendees

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E. (Chair)  
Connétable J. Gallichan of St. Mary  
Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade

Also in attendance: Mr T. Walker, Mr A. Metcalfe and Mr S. Cartwright, Chief Minister's Department

Apologies: Deputy J.H. Young of St Brelade and Senator L.J. Farnham

*Welcome*

1. The Chair welcomed the members to the last meeting before the Elections.

*Interim Report (R.107/2014) and forthcoming Final Report in July 2015*

2. The Panel noted that the Interim Report was presented to the States Assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> July by the Chief Minister. It was further noted that the Final Report is due within 12 months of the Interim Report, so should be presented to the States Assembly by July 2015. Given the forthcoming elections in October, subsequent elections for States Assembly positions in November and then the Christmas break, most of the final work will need to be undertaken in the 6 months between January and June 2015.

*Further submissions in response to invitation to comment in writing*

3. The Panel noted that two more submissions have been published on the web site. The Panel further noted that the web site has been adjusted so that this is now an open ended invitation to comment.

*Further public hearing*

4. The Panel noted that other interested parties (including, for example the Jersey Consumer Council) had asked to attend a public hearing.
5. The Panel was of the view that a further public hearing should take place, but that this would be a matter for the Panel as constituted following the elections.

*Forthcoming Expert Group meeting – 30 September*

6. The Panel noted that the Expert Group will be meeting with Duncan Gibaut, Chief Statistician, to discuss the possibility of conducting a legal needs survey, as suggested by the Jersey Legal Information Board and others.

*Royal Court Rules Review Group*

7. The Panel noted that it had received from the Deputy Bailiff an anonymised summary of submissions received by the Royal Court Rules Review Group. The Panel noted that the Group were scheduled to meet soon to consider and agree a consultation paper which will be issued shortly.

*Reconvening after the Elections*

8. The Panel noted that it would reconvene after the forthcoming Elections on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The Panel also noted that if the Election results in changes to the position of existing Panel members, then the Chief Minister may need to consider the membership of the Panel.
9. The Chair thanked all the members of the Panel for their good work in steering the review through its initial stages and wished them well in the Elections.

*Any other business*

10. The Panel noted that other work streams were also dealing with matters associated with access to justice, for example, the proposed Green Paper on establishing a Judicial and Legal Services Commission and the Jersey Law Commission's proposed consultation on Divorce Reform. The Panel agreed that the impact of these work streams on this review would be considered following the Elections.

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