

Council of Ministers

(46th Meeting)

1st July 2025

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputies K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations, S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister
 Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families
 Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment (for part of items A3 and B1 and B2-B3 only)
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Minister for Housing (in lieu of the Minister)
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (in lieu of the Minister)
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (in lieu of the Minister)

In attendance -

Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Assistant Chief Minister
 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
 P. Wylie, Chief Officer, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B2 only)
 I. Cope, Chief Statistician and Director for Statistics and Analytics, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
 J. Kier, Associate Director, Financial Services (for part of items A3 and B1 only)

T. Wright, Associate Director, Financial Services (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
N. Fox, Head of Justice Policy, Justice and Home Affairs Department (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
F. Walker, Head of Policy, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
N. Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
E. Blampied, Policy Principal (Digital), Cabinet Office (for item B2 only)
C. Pike, Senior Policy Officer, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
F. Bihet, Policy Officer, Cabinet Office (for part of items A3 and B1 only)
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Parts A and B.

Declarations of interest.

A1. Declarations of interest were received as follows in connexion with the discussion of the Residential Tenancy Law at items A3 and B1 of the meeting –

- Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families; and
- Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, as landlords.
- Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, Assistant Chief Minister, who had a close family member who was a landlord; and
- Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development, as the reversionary owner of a property.

Minutes.

A2 The Minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2025 (Part B only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Forthcoming business.

A3. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be considered at the meeting of the States Assembly on 8th July 2025 –

Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.24/2025)

It was noted that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel had intimated that they would ‘call in’ the draft Law for review. As a consequence, only the principles would be debated on 8th July 2025. The Scrutiny Panel had launched a review of P.24/2025 but had not yet produced its findings and it was envisaged that these could include some minor proposed amendments. A much more substantive amendment was noted to have been lodged by Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement;

Draft Children and Young People (Place of Police Detention) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.40/2025)

The Council was informed that, at present, when a child or young person was charged with a criminal offence and denied bail, Centeniers could only remand them to be held in secure accommodation or at Police Headquarters if the former was not possible. The draft law introduced the option of transferring individuals to suitable accommodation provided by the Minister for Children and Families, thereby enhancing compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child and aligning with the provisions in other jurisdictions including England, Wales and Guernsey;

Draft Financial Services (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.41/2025)

It was noted that the draft law would introduce a 2-tier regulatory framework for consumer credit businesses and that these activities would be overseen by the Jersey Financial Services Commission (JFSC) and Trading Standards. The Council was informed that Trading Standards was already involved in the supervision of the voluntary code of practice for consumer lending but that the Department might require additional resources and support to implement the new regulations that provided basic consumer protection;

Draft Bank (Recovery and Resolution) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.42/2025)

The Council was informed that this proposition was predominantly administrative in nature and would transfer the functions of the Jersey Bank Depositor Compensation Board to the Jersey Resolution Authority, thereby creating a single decision-making body;

Draft Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.43/2025)

The Council noted that members of the Youth Court were currently required to retire at the age of 60 years and that the draft law had the effect of increasing the retirement age to 70 years;

Draft Civil Status (Abolition of Legitimacy etc) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.44/2025)

It was noted that the draft law would abolish the status of legitimacy, except in a small number of circumstances. Only children born to married parents in a mixed-sex relationship were currently afforded the status 'legitimate' and this was an outdated and discriminatory concept. The draft law enhanced rights and had been modelled on legislation already in force in Scotland.