

Council of Ministers

(37th Meeting)

11th February 2025

**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development, Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations and Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources.

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 (for part of item B2 and items B3-B6 only)  
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment  
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development  
 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 S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security (for part of item B2 and items B3-B6 only)  
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables  
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services  
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States  
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey  
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B2 only)  
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B6 only)  
 K. Posner, Interim Chief Officer, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B3 only)  
 S. O'Regan, Group Director of Education, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for item B3 only)  
 T. Daniels, Director, Property Holdings, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B1 only)  
 S. Duhamel, Director, Cabinet Office (for item B4 only)  
 P. Wylie, Group Director of Policy, Cabinet Office (for item B2 only)  
 C. May, Head of Communications, Cabinet Office (for item B2 only)

P. Ashley, Head of Cost-Benefit Analysis and Investment Appraisal, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)  
R. Buchholz, Head of Property Strategy, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B1 only)  
R. Johnson, Head of Health Policy, Health and Care Jersey (for item B5 only)  
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office  
N. Stocks, Senior Policy Officer, Cabinet Office (for item B4 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 from the following –

- Deputies L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister and A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services, in connexion with Minute No. B3, to the extent that they had close family members who were teachers;
- Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure, in connexion with Minute No. B3 to the extent that he had a close family member who was a teaching assistant; and
- Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services, in connexion with Minute No. B2, to the extent that he and his sister, Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, rented a commercial building to a supplier to the construction industry.

Minutes.

A2. The Minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2025 (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Forthcoming business.

A3. The Council discussed the following item of forthcoming business, which was scheduled to be considered at the meeting of the States Assembly on 25th February 2025 –

States of Jersey Development Company: Pre-sales provisions for residential developments and pre-let(s) provisions for commercial developments (P.88/2024) – Amendment

The Council recalled that debate on its proposition P.88/2024 had been postponed in order to enable the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (CSSP) to engage with various parties in order to better understand the rationale and risk management associated with the same. The CSSP had subsequently provided feedback on the proposition and, as a consequence, it was proposed that it should be amended in order to explicitly state the prescribed level of residential pre-sales that the States of Jersey Development Company would need to secure before committing to construction costs on a residential development.

It was noted that the proposed figure was 25 per cent and that the Minister for Treasury and Resources and officers within Treasury and Exchequer were content. The Council accordingly approved the amendment and requested officers to arrange for it to be lodged ‘*au Greffe*’.