

Council of Ministers

(39th Meeting)

11th March 2025

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of 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, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (not present for part of item B3)
 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
 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 (for part of item B3 and items B4-B5 only)
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (for items A1-A2, B1 and part of item B2 only)
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services

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
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States (for items A1-A2 and B1-B3 only)
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 K. Briden, Chief Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department (for item B3 only)
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B3 only)
 Advocate S. Roberts, Director of the Civil Division, Law Officers' Department (for item B3 only)
 M. White, Acting Director of Communications, Communications Service, Cabinet Office (for item B4 only)

G. Wood, Manager, Treasury and Exchequer (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
N. Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Office (for item B2 only)
L. Irving, Maritime Sector Officer, Department for the Economy (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
T. Brackenbury, Sector Lead, Aviation and Maritime, Department for the Economy (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
T. Maurant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister,
B. Markwell-Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers
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 in connexion with the discussion of the Residential Tenancy Law at item No. B2 of the current meeting

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- Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families;
- 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 T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services; 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.

Forthcoming business.

A2. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be considered at the meetings of the States Assembly on 18th March and 1st April 2025 –

Draft Shipping (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.4/2025)

It was recalled that the intention of the draft Amendment Law was to expand the definition of ‘ship’ or ‘vessel’ within the Shipping (Jersey) Law 2002 to include smaller watercraft, such as jet skis and small speed boats, with the aim of making Jersey’s waters safer and to update the provisions relating to maritime investigations; and

Draft Westaway Trust (Transfer of Assets) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.10/2025)

The Council noted that the intention of this proposition, which had been lodged by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, was to transfer the assets, which were contained within 2 Westaway funds (‘*pauvres honteux*’ and ‘*écoles élémentaires*’), which had been established by the Westaway Trust (Jersey) Law 1930, into Le Don de Faye Trust. The Westaway funds held a total of £55,000 and had performed well during 2024, resulting in returns of £2,000. Under the terms of the Westaway Trust, it was only where the funds produced an income that distributions could be made, and the Westaway Donation Council determined to whom the money should be distributed.

The Council was informed that Le Don de Faye Trust fund (which held approximately £1.8 million) had similar aims and distribution methods to the

Westaway funds and by incorporating the latter into the former, the administration of the funds could be streamlined, and the Westaway assets could be invested into the States of Jersey Collective Investment Fund.

It was noted that consultation on the proposal had taken place with the Westaway Donation Council, the Treasurer of the States (as Trustee of Le Don de Faye fund and as representative for the Westaway funds for the States Assembly), and with the rectors and churchwardens of the parishes, who were involved in all 3. An advert had also been placed in the *Jersey Evening Post* for one week and no objections had been raised.

The Council was reminded that Le Don de Faye Trust required the Treasurer of the States to distribute the income from the fund (which had equated to £96,000 in 2024) to the rectors and churchwardens of the parishes each year. Each parish received one thirteenth of the income, whilst St. Clement received two thirteenths. The rectors and churchwardens were required to distribute the income at the sole discretion of each said rector and churchwardens to needy parishioners of all social standing.