

Council of Ministers

(14th Meeting)

2nd July 2024

**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, 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  
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (in lieu of the Minister)  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs (for part of items A2 and B6 and items A3 and B1-B5 only)  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy E.M. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources  
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development  
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (for items B2-B5 and part of item B6 only)  
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services  
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General  
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey  
 W. Millow, Deputy Greffier of the States  
 K. Nutt, Chief Officer, Department for External Relations (for item B1 only)  
 C. Bown, Chief Officer, Health and Community Services Department (for items B3-B4 only)  
 T. Le Feuvre, Director – Global Markets and International Agreements, Office of the Chief Executive (for item B1 only)  
 Professor P. Bradley, Director of Public Health (for item B2 only)  
 G. Norman, Deputy Director of Public Health (for item B2 only)  
 S. West, Deputy Medical Director, Health and Community Services Department (for item B4 only)

J. Hardwick, Programme Director, New Healthcare Facilities (for item B3 only)  
D. Bratch, New Healthcare Facilities Business Lead (for item B3 only)  
B. Markwell-Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers  
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe  
H.D. Cardinal, Trainee Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

Declarations of interest. A1. No declarations of interest were received from Ministers in connexion with any of the items discussed at the current meeting.

Forthcoming business. A2. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meetings on 16th July and 10th September 2024 –

Fully funding education or training for all 16-18 year olds (P.38/2024)

It was recalled that comments, rejecting the proposition of Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, had been prepared but had not yet been presented, in anticipation that the proposer might either amend or withdraw P.38/2024;

New Healthcare Facilities Programme (P.43/2024)

Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services, informed the Council that this proposition of the Hospital Review Panel had the potential to delay the New Healthcare Facilities programme and, as such, should be rejected. It was agreed that comments to this effect would be prepared; and

Minimum Wage: increase to match the living wage (P.19/2024)

The Council was reminded that Caritas, which assessed the living wage, had requested Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North, who had lodged the proposition, not to include its calculations therein. The Council was minded to reject the proposition, as it was contrary to the policy contained within the Common Strategic Policy and noted that comments to this effect would be prepared in due course.

Quorum. A3. The Council, with reference to Minute No. A2 of the meeting of 20th June 2018 of the Council, as previously constituted, recalled that, when the Council had comprised 11 and subsequently 12 members, the quorum had been determined to be 6. However, as there were now 13 Ministers, it was proposed that the quorum should formally be confirmed as 7 and this was agreed.

On a related note, the Council was reminded that only the votes of Ministers were counted when reaching a decision, unless an Assistant Minister was attending all or part of a meeting in the absence of the Minister. In such instances, the Assistant Minister would, for the purposes of determining the quorum, be afforded full voting rights in lieu of the Minister concerned. It was agreed that it would be confirmed at the start of a meeting of the Council if any Assistant Minister would be acting on behalf of a Minister.