

Council of Ministers

(17th Meeting)

23rd July 2024

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present.

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 items A1-A2, B1-B2 and B5 only)
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for
 Sustainable Economic Development (for part of item B5 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 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 -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des
 Connétables
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Clement, Assistant Chief Minister
 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
 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
 T. Walker, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
 I. Burns, Chief Officer, Customer and Local Services Department (for item
 B2 only)
 G. Pearmain, Director of Financial Crime Strategy, Office of the Chief
 Executive (for item B3 only)
 M. White, Acting Director of Communications, Office of the Chief
 Executive (for items B4-B5 only)
 S. Duhamel, Associate Director, Public Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning
 and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only only)

R. Johnson, Director, Health Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for item B5 only)
S. O'Regan, Group Director of Education, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for part of item B1 only)
S. Le Sueur, Group Director, Customer and Local Services Department (for item B2 only)
F. Walker, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe
M. Johnson, Work Shadow, States Greffe (for items A1-A3 and B1-B4 only)

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

Declarations of interest.

A1. No declarations of interest were received in connexion with any 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 meeting on 10th September 2024 –

Draft Statistics and Census (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.29/2024)

The Council was reminded that Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement had lodged an amendment to this proposition which had subsequently been amended by the Chief Minister. It was noted that Deputy Bailhache accepted the amendment to his amendment, which limited the scope of the limitation on liability for damages in the new Article 21A of the draft Law to information or statistics produced in bad faith.

Draft Agriculture (Loans) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.41/2024)

The Council was reassured that any loan repayments were automatically reinvested into the fund established under the Agriculture (Loans) (Jersey) Regulations 1974.

Ministerial Decisions – supplementary guidance.

A3. The Council received and noted a document, dated 2024, entitled 'Ministerial Decisions – supplementary guidance to the ministerial code', which had been prepared by the Head of Ministerial Office.

The Council was reminded that an average of 700 ministerial decisions (MDs) were made each year and that it was appropriate to have updated guidance on the purpose of MDs and the type of decision that should be recorded.

The Council noted the position and agreed the guidance could be circulated.