

Council of Ministers

(40th Meeting)

25th 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, 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 K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (for items A3 and B1-B6 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 (not present for part of item B6)
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security (not present for part of item B6)
 Deputy M.E. 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 (for items A1-A3 and B1 only)

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister (not in attendance for part of item B6)
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (not in attendance for part of item B6)
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General (not in attendance for item B6)
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States (not in attendance for item B6)
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 L. Henry, Chief Executive Officer, States of Jersey Development Company (for item B6 only)
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B6 only)
 P. Wylie, Interim Chief Officer and Group Director of Policy, Cabinet Office

T. Holvey, Chief Economic Advisor, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)
L. Darwin, Chief People Officer, People, Policy and Digital Team, Cabinet Office (for item B5 only)
K. Pierson, Head of Economic Analysis, Department for the Economy (for item B4 only)
F. Walker, Head of Policy, Cabinet Office (for items A3 and B1 only)
K. Whitehead, Group Director for Regulation, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for item B2 only)
O. Chaplin, Sector Lead, Retail and Visitor Economy, Department for the Economy (for item B3 only)
N. Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Office (for item B6 only)
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
B. Markwell-Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers (for items A3 and B1 only)
T. Maurant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister
B. Jehan, Private Secretary to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (for item B3 only)
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

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| Minutes. | A1. The Minutes of the meeting of 4th March 2025 (Parts A and B) having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. |
| Declarations of interest. | A2. No declarations of interest were received in connexion with any of the items discussed at the current meeting. |
| 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 1st April 2025 – |

Draft Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Status) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.15/2025) and Amendment

The Council noted that these draft Regulations, which had been lodged by the Chief Minister, were associated with ongoing policy work to provide more responsive migration controls and would introduce a clear pathway for an individual to obtain a status under the draft Control of Housing and Work (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.13/2022 referred). The Council recalled that the principles of P.13/2022 had been adopted by the States Assembly on 30th March 2022 and that the draft Regulations formed part of the suite of secondary legislation that was necessary to enable the Amendment Law to come into force.

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister, provided the Council with various examples of the residential time periods required to fulfil the conditions for certain types of status under the Amendment Law. It was noted that whilst the draft Regulations had originally provided that a person would need to have been ordinarily resident in Jersey for a continuous period of 30 years to achieve Permanent Entitled status within Regulation 2(1)(d), the Amendment to P.15/2025, which had also been lodged '*au Greffe*' by the Chief Minister, reduced this time period to 25 years.

The Council was informed that Members of the States Assembly would be receiving a presentation on P.15/2025 on the afternoon of 25th March 2025;

Increase Stamp Duty for properties that are not principal residences to 5 per cent (P.16/2025)

The Council agreed to present comments on this proposition of Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North, rejecting the same; and

Draft Elections (Appointed Day) (Jersey) Act 202- (P.17/2025)

The Council recalled that ordinary elections for Deputies and Connétables had last been held on 22nd June 2022 and that this proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC), would, if adopted, set Sunday 7th June 2026 as the date on which the next ordinary elections would take place. It was noted that Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter had lodged an amendment to P.17/2025, with the intention of substituting that date for 26th April 2026. The Council was informed that PPC would be preparing comments on Deputy Moore's amendment and decided to await their presentation.