

Council of Ministers

(12th Meeting)

4th June 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
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
 Deputy M.R. Le Hagarat 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 C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
 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, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 K. Nutt, Chief Officer, Department for External Relations (for item B1 only)
 R. Corrigan, Chief Officer, Department for the Economy (for item B3 only)
 R. Johnson, Director, Health Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of item B2 only)
 T. Le Feuvre, Director - Global Markets and International Agreements, Office of the Chief Executive (for item B1 only)
 S. Duhamel, Associate Director, Public Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A3 and B2 only)
 J. Robinson, Head of United Kingdom Affairs, London Office (for item B1 only)
 W. Curley, UK Affairs Attaché, London Office (for item B1 only)
 N. Fox, Head of Policy – Criminal Justice, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A3 and B2 only)
 S. Gay, Senior Public Health Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of item B2 only)
 P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

B. Markwell-Sales, Business and Governance Officer to the Council of Ministers,
Cabinet Office
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister
B. Jehan, Private Secretary to the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (for
part of items A3 and B2 only)
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

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

- Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 8th April (Part A only), 11th and 23rd April (Parts A and B) and 7th and 14th May 2024 (Parts A and B) were taken as read and were confirmed, subject to the correction of a minor error in the Part B Minutes of 14th May 2024.
- Declarations of interest A2. No declarations of interest were received from Ministers in connexion with any items discussed at the current meeting.
- Forthcoming business. A3. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meetings on 11th and 25th June 2024 –

Pay Gap Reporting (P.13/2024)

The Council recalled that the Chief Minister had presented comments on the proposition of Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour, supporting the principle of reducing the gender pay gap, but indicating that the proposition would increase the burden on businesses and government resources and, therefore, could not be supported by Ministers;

Strategic Reserve Fund: Long Term Funding Plan (P.22/2024)

Ministers were reminded that a draft comment had been prepared in relation to this proposition of Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North, clarifying that the proposition should be rejected on the basis that additional funding was already being placed within the Strategic Reserve as part of the Government Plan process. It was noted that the comment would be presented in the name of the Council of Ministers; and

Draft Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.24/2024)

The Council was informed that the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel had lodged an amendment to P.24/2024, proposing that the draft Regulations should not be extended for 3 years to 20th July 2027 (as set out in the proposition), but for only 2 years. Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, reminded Ministers that work was underway to develop legislation to manage and approve public entertainments and events, which would replace the triennial Regulations, which had initially been adopted in 1992. Whilst he was confident that the primary legislation would be in place by 2026, it was envisaged that this would not be the case for the supporting Regulations. Accordingly, the Council decided to present comments on the Panel's amendment, requesting members to reject the same.