

Council of Ministers

(67th Meeting)

6th January 2026Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and 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 (not present for part of item B2)
 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 R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (not present for part of item A3)
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security
 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

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 (for part of item A3 and items B1-B3 only)
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister
 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
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Economic Development (for part of item A3 and items B1-B3 only)
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 Advocate S. Roberts, Head of the Civil Division, Law Officers' Department
 P. Wylie, Chief Officer, Cabinet Office (for items B2-B3 only)
 A. Hacquoil, Group Director, Strategic Finance, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)
 N. Fox, Head of Policy – Criminal Justice, Cabinet Office (for part of item A3 only)
 C. Pike, Senior Policy Officer, Cabinet Office (for part of item A3 only)
 P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
 A. Thorne, Business and Governance Officer, Cabinet Office

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 3rd December (Parts A and B), 10th December (Part A only) and 16th December 2025 (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

It was noted that the only outstanding set of Minutes for 2025 was due to be tabled for approval at the next meeting of the Council.

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 considered the following items of business, which were scheduled to be debated at the meetings of the States Assembly on 20th January and 3rd February 2026 –

20th January 2026

Draft Criminal Justice (Young Offenders) (Jersey) Amendment No. 2 Law 202-(P.110/2025)

The Council was informed that children in secure accommodation at Greenfields were currently unable to access temporary release or early release and, as a consequence, were required to serve the whole of their sentence. However, young people serving their sentence in the young offenders' institute or in the prison were able to gain temporary release and early release once they had served two thirds of their sentence.

The draft Amendment Law, which had been lodged by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, would address this imbalance and improve the rights of children and young people within the justice system. The Council was informed that there were no additional staffing or financial implications arising from the proposition; and

Registration of political groups (P.115/2025)

The Council noted that this proposition had been lodged by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central in his capacity as an independent member. Deputy Ward withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item. The aim of the proposition was *inter alia* noted to be to increase transparency around the identity of those funding a political group in advance of an election.

Mrs L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States, informed the Council that it would be challenging for the Privileges and Procedures Committee to comment on the proposition on the basis that the majority of the PPC membership was conflicted, as members of political parties. Accordingly, she had referred the matter to the Jersey Electoral Authority to garner its views.

3rd February 2026

Consultation on Fireworks and other Pyrotechnics (P.111/2025)

Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North, who had lodged this proposition, requested the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs to undertake a public consultation on the use of fireworks and other pyrotechnics in the Island.

It was acknowledged that the *ad hoc* use of pyrotechnics, in particular, could be disruptive. This was especially the case for Islanders with animals, which could become distressed, and it was noted that there were currently 2 open online petitions relating to fireworks.

The Council was informed that the Minister was minded to support the undertaking of a consultation.