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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(35th Meeting)

6th November 2019**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister, Senator L.J. Farnham, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture and Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Children and Housing  
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Minister for Education  
 Deputy J.H. Young, Minister for the Environment  
 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services  
 Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Minister for Home Affairs  
 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure  
 Deputy C.F. Labey, Minister for International Development  
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security  
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Connétable C.H. Taylor, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy S. Wickenden, Assistant Chief Minister  
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida  
 C. Parker, Chief Executive, States of Jersey  
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States  
 M. H. Temple, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General  
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States  
 S. Skelton, Director, Strategy and Innovation, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (items B2 and B3 only)  
 Dr. L. Magris, Director of Environmental Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (item B2 only)  
 L. Jones, Environmental Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (item B3 only)  
 T. Dodd, Director of Transport, Growth, Housing and Environment (item B3 only)  
 K. Hemmings, Head of Financial Governance, Treasury and Exchequer (items B4 and B5 only)  
 S. Mair, Group Director, Performance Accounting and Reporting, Treasury and Exchequer (item B5 only)  
 R. Summersegill, Comptroller of Taxes, Treasury and Exchequer (items B6 and B7 only)  
 C. O'Brien, Deputy Comptroller of Taxes, Treasury and Exchequer (items B6 and B7 only)  
 Dr. M. Mathias, Group Director, Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (item B8 only)  
 P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive  
 M. Clark, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings of 18th September and 2nd October 2019 (Part A and Part B) having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Matters arising from previous Minutes. A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 18th September 2019, was advised by the Minister for International Development, Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville, that she wished to record her dissent to the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism.

The Council noted the position accordingly.

States Business, 12th November 2019. A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B1 of 16th October 2019, discussed with the Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive, the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 12th November 2019 and commented specifically on the following:

**States Assembly: time limits on speeches in debates (P.101/2019)**

The Council recalled that the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) sought to introduce amendments to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey, limiting the time that Members were permitted to speak on a proposition to 15 minutes, albeit that the proposition also called for the Presiding Officer to be allowed to exercise discretion in certain circumstances.

Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Children and Housing and Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment, advised that they would not be supporting the proposition, which they considered undemocratic;

**Channel Islands Lottery: allocation of proceeds from 2018 (P.105/2019)**

The Council was advised that the proposition replaced the previously-withdrawn P.87/2019, which had advocated the appointment of a U.K. organisation to administer the system for distributing lottery proceeds. Following feedback received from a number of sources, the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Senator L.J. Farnham, had decided not to proceed with the appointment of an external contractor and had asked officers to identify an alternative solution, making use of local expertise if available.

The Council was advised that the proposition represented a short-term solution, which would use the existing service level agreement with the Association of Jersey Charities to disburse £1,000,000 of the proceeds from the 2018 Channel Islands Lottery to charitable causes in Jersey, until a permanent solution had been identified;

**States of Jersey Development Company Limited: re-appointment of Non-Executive Directors (P.108/2019)**

The Council noted that the Minister for Treasury and Resources, Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, sought the approval of the States to reappoint 2 Non-Executive Directors of the States of Jersey Development Company (SOJDC) for a further term of 3 years each.

The Council supported the proposed reappointments and was advised that the Jersey Appointments Commission (JAC) had been consulted as part of the process. The Chief Executive advised that the JAC was involved in all recruitment to arms-length bodies such as the SOJDC and had issued guidance on process, diversity and pay for Non-Executive Directors. The JAC was also in the process of reviewing the

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memoranda of association with various arms-length bodies and its semi-annual report to the States Employment Board would also be presented to the Council in due course.