

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(29th Meeting)

14th January 2010**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator T.J. Le Main, Minister for Housing, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy S.S.P.A. Power, Assistant Minister for Housing
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister, Chief Minister's Department (for items A4 and B1)
 Connétable K.P. Vibert, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 Deputy J.A. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services (for item A4)
 Deputy J.A. Hilton, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs (for item A4)
 Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, Assistant Minister, Chief Minister's Department (for item A4)
 Deputy A.T. Dupre, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture (for item A4)
 Deputy K.C. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services (for item A4)
 Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security (for item A4)
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources (for item A4)
 Deputy A.K.F. Green, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture (for item A4)
 W.D. Ogle, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 J. Richardson, Deputy Chief Executive (for item B2)
 I. Black, Treasurer of the States (for item B2)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader, Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B2)
 C. Haws, Comprehensive Spending Review Project Officer (for item B2)
 D. de la Haye, Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure, Education, Sport and Culture Department (for item A3)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Population Office
 M. Cavey, Project Officer, Population Office
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 J. Nevitt, P.A. to the Chief Minister
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States (for items A1, A3 and B2)

I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2009, having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Senator F.E. Cohen, Connétable M.K. Jackson and Deputies A.E. Pryke and I.J. Gorst were not present for this item.

States
business.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the First Session of 2010. Particular consideration was given to the following –

- (a) **Draft Gambling (2010 Fees) (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.141/2009)** – the Council noted that the Minister for Economic Development had provided States Members with further information concerning policy implications arising from the draft Regulations;
- (b) **Plémont Holiday Village Site: Negotiations for Purchase - (P.144/2009)** – Connétable K.P. Vibert advised the Council that he would determine whether to proceed with his proposition after holding a public meeting on 15th January 2010 at St. Ouen's Parish Hall to discuss the current planning application for the site;
- (c) **'User Pays Charges': States of Jersey Police (P.176/2009)** – the Council noted that the Minister for Home Affairs had withdrawn the proposition, having been unable to arrive at a viable way forward following discussions with the Comité des Connétables and the Deputy of St. Martin;
- (d) **Fort Regent: Establishment of a Working Group (P.188/2009)** – the Council, having endorsed the amendment lodged 'au Greffe' by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, approved a comment to the proposition and requested that it be presented to the States forthwith;
- (e) **Draft Supply of Goods and Services (Jersey) Regulations 200-(P.190/2009)** – the Council endorsed the draft Regulations;
- (f) **States of Jersey Law: Quorum in the States (P.194/2009)** – the Council declined to support the proposition and reaffirmed its commitment to work with the Privileges and Procedures Committee to improve the efficiency of States meetings;
- (g) **Strategy for Dealing with Young Offenders: Establishment of a Working Group (P.201/2009)** – the Council, having noted that it had not been viable to proceed with an amendment to P.201/2009, approved a comment to the proposition and requested that it be presented to the States forthwith. It further endorsed a draft comment by the Minister for Home Affairs;
- (h) **Draft Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 200-(P.204/2009)** – the Council endorsed the proposition and, on a related matter, noted that the Chief Minister's Department was monitoring the emerging position in the United Kingdom regarding the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2012; and
- (i) **Brighter Futures: Funding for 2010 and Beyond (P.208/2009)** – the Council noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services

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would comment on the proposition.

Island Games
2015: hosting
bid.
548/1(79)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minutes Nos. B3 of 12th June and B1 of 9th July 2009, recalled that the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture had previously indicated his intention to pursue a bid to host the Island Games 2015.

The Council, with D. de la Haye, Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure, Education, Sport and Culture Department in attendance, considered a report prepared by the Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure, entitled, 'Business Case for hosting the Island Games in 2015.'

The Council recalled that Jersey was a founder member of the Island Games Association and that it had competed in every games held since the inaugural event in 1985. Jersey was one of approximately 12 members with the necessary infrastructure and resources to host the Island Games and the Island had done so very successfully in 1997. Several members had hosted or were due to host their second Island Games. As Jersey had yet to do so, and having noted that the previous Chief Minister had reportedly indicated to the Island Games Association that Jersey would consider hosting the event in 2015, it was recommended that a bid to host the Games in 2015 would be appropriate. It was clarified that bids to host the games needed to be lodged with the Island Games Association by June 2010.

The financial implications of hosting the Island Games 2015 were considered. In doing so, Ministers observed that a required renovation of the running track at F.B. Fields, St. Clement had already been budgeted for as part of the Capital Programme. Other facilities and infrastructure requirements were already in place; however, it was anticipated that several departments would incur some additional cost in 2015 as a consequence of managing the event. The Economic Development and Education, Sport and Culture Departments had already committed to cover the cost of mounting a bid for the games within their respective cash limits.

The Council endorsed the proposed bid to host the Island Games 2015 and further agreed that the full costs of hosting the games would be met from States funding as part of the normal business planning process, should the bid be successful. In this regard, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture and other affected Ministers would in due course be required to highlight any related budgetary requirements arising from a successful bid.

The Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure was authorized to take the necessary action.

Assistant
Ministers:
informal
discussion.
1444/3(16)

A4. The Council welcomed the following Assistant Ministers to a preliminary discussion of planning guidelines for the Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 –

Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister, Chief Minister's Department
Deputy J.A. Martin, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
Deputy J.A. Hilton, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré, Assistant Minister, Chief Minister's Department
Deputy A.T. Dupre, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
Deputy K.C. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Transport and Technical Services
Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security
Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
Deputy A.K.F. Green, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture

During the course of the meeting, Assistant Ministers received a presentation from the Chief Executive concerning the framework and timetable for completion of the CSR.

Consideration of the CSR continued under the Council's Part B (confidential) agenda.

Ministerial
decisions:
recording.
1445(10)

A5. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 12th February 2009, received a report entitled, 'Ministerial Decisions: Guidelines.'

The Council resolved to consider the report at a subsequent meeting in February 2010, together with a report clarifying the rôle of the Corporate Management Board and reporting lines to the Council.