

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(37th Meeting)

1st April 2010PART A

All members were present with the exception of: 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; and Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 Senator T.J. Le Main, Minister for Housing
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel, Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy A.E. Jeune, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 Deputy E.J. Noel, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M. Heald, Assistant Chief Executive (for item B1)
 G.C. Powell, C.B.E, Adviser - International Affairs (for item B2)
 W. Martin, Director – International Taxation (for item B2)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader, Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B3)
 D. Peedle, Economic Adviser (for items B3 and B4)
 J. Marshall, Strategic Planning Manager (for item B5)
 K. Power, Research and Project Officer
 A.H. Harris, Deputy Greffier of the States
 I. Clarkson, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Jersey
 Competition
 Regulatory
 Authority:
 appointment of
 Chairman.
 401/1(1)

A1. The Council, with M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department in attendance, considered a draft report and proposition proposing the appointment of Mr. M. Boleat as Chairman of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority.

The Council, having reviewed the curriculum vitae of the proposed appointee, endorsed the proposed appointment and recommended that the Minister for Economic Development proceed to lodge the report and proposition ‘*au Greffe*’ forthwith.

States
business.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 11th March 2010 and with M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department and K. Morel, Policy Principal, Social Security Department in attendance, reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session of 2010.

Particular consideration was given to the proposition entitled, 'Minimum Wage Level as a Percentage of Average Earnings', as lodged '*au Greffe*' by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier on 8th March 2010 (P.26/2010 refers).

The Council recalled that the Employment Forum had originally been established by the Employment and Social Security Committee, and had subsequently been maintained by the Minister for Social Security in accordance with the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003, as amended, for the purpose of making recommendations relating to the establishment, application and operation of a minimum wage. Article 20(5) of the Employment Law required the Forum, in making such recommendations, to take into account the effect on the economy of Jersey as a whole and on competitiveness. The Council was advised that the Minister for Economic Development was minded to lodge an amendment to P.26/2010 which, if adopted, would serve to clarify that the Forum would continue to be permitted to react to expert advice provided concerning the prevailing economic climate and to make recommendations accordingly. **The Council affirmed that it was minded to support such an amendment.**