

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(47th Meeting)

1st July 2010**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment and Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister for Economic Development
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 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 A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy S.S.P.A. Power, Minister for Housing

In attendance -

Connétable K.P. Vibert, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 Deputy A. Green, Assistant Minister for Education, Sport and Culture (for item B2)
 W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 H. McGarel-Groves, Interim Treasurer of the States (for items B1 and B2)
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department (for item B2)
 M. Lundy, Director of Education, Sport and Culture (for item B2)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader – Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B1)
 C. Haws, Comprehensive Spending Review Project Officer (for item B1)
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
 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 3rd June 2010 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council 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 following propositions.

Civil servants earning over £60,000 per annum: publication of salary bands (P.71/2010)

The Council noted that a draft comment to the proposition was being reviewed by the States Employment Board which would oppose the unwarranted invasion of

individual's right to privacy. The Council was particularly supportive of the idea to publish, in bands of £5,000 and by department, the numbers of staff with salaries of over £60,000.

States becoming inquorate during a meeting: revised procedures (P.82/2010)

The Council noted that the Privileges and Procedures Committee had lodged an amendment to the proposition.

Human Rights Law: statements of compatibility (P.84/2010)

Given that either H.M. Attorney General or H.M. Solicitor General were generally present in the States Assembly to give advice on such matters, that the Privy Council reviewed draft Laws and considered their compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights, that Scrutiny Panels were fully empowered to conduct legislative scrutiny, that the proposition would generate resource implications and, finally, that there was no evidence of a particular problem arising from the existing arrangements, the Council resolved to present a comment to the States affirming its opposition to the proposition.

Jersey Financial Services Commission: appointment of Commissioner (P.86/2010)

The Council endorsed the proposition.

Havre des Pas Swimming Pool: retention of lifeguard service (P.88/2010)

The Council noted the intention of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to make a statement to the States Assembly confirming his position on lifeguard service provision at Havre des Pas Swimming Pool.

Scrutiny:
engagement
with
Chairmen's
Committee
1444/5(4)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 17th June 2010, noted correspondence, dated 22nd June 2010 from the President of the Chairmen's Committee concerning Ministers' attendance at joint meetings of the Council and the Chairmen's Committee.

The Council, having reaffirmed its desire to continue meeting the Chairmen's Committee with a view to further enhancing the working relationship between Ministers and Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee, acknowledged the concern expressed on behalf of the Chairmen's Committee regarding the limited number of Ministers present at the joint meeting held on 17th June 2010.

Although the Chief Minister recalled that there were genuine reasons why several Ministers had been unable either to attend that particular meeting or to remain present for the afternoon session with the Chairmen's Committee, he nevertheless expected that all Ministers would make every effort to attend such joint meetings in future.