

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(49th Meeting)

15th July 2010**PART A**

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

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 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 S.S.P.A. Power, Minister for Housing
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, Assistant Minister, Chief Minister's Department (for item B1)
 Connétable K.P. Vibert, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M. Heald, Assistant Chief Executive (for item B1)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Population Office (for item B1)
 E. Walsh, Senior Assistant Law Draftsman (for item B1)
 M. Cavey, Project Officer, Population Office (for item B1)
 D. Houseago, Director of Environmental Management and Rural Economy, Planning and Environment Department (for item B2)
 I. Norris, Adviser, Planning and Environment Department (for item B2)
 R. Whitehead, Principal Legal Adviser, Law Officers' Department (for item B3)
 J. Shilliday, Finance Director, Jersey Airport (for item B3)
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager
 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.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 8th July 2010, reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly at the last meeting of the First Session of 2010. Particular consideration was given to the following propositions.

Jersey Heritage Trust: service level agreement and funding requirements (P.75/2010)

The Council approved a comment reaffirming its support for the proposition as amended subject to the condition agreed by the Council on 1st July 2010; that contingency funding would be set aside on the clear understanding that the Jersey

Heritage Trust (JHT) would be required by means of the proposed service level agreement to submit a case for accessing all or part of the contingency funding and thereby demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, that it had exhausted all other practicable avenues of revenue raising (including the proposed assistance offered by the Economic Development Department in the form of a lottery scheme). The Council considered that this requirement would incentivise and offer sufficient stability to the JHT whilst also minimising the financial impact on the resources of the States in 2011 and in subsequent years.

The Council further noted the intention of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to submit the draft service level agreement to the Council for endorsement.

Foreign taxes and freight costs in prices of goods sold in Jersey (P.89/2010)

The Council approved a comment confirming its opposition to the proposition on the basis that existing legislation and the powers available to Trading Standards and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority already provided appropriate means of regulating the market and that relevant proposals for improving the existing Jersey Consumer Council would be lodged '*au Greffe*' later in 2010.

Comprehensive Spending Review: savings proposals – impact on employment of public sector staff (P.91/2010)

The Council, having noted a declaration of a non-pecuniary interest by Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, accepted that the expectations of schools for the coming year could be met notwithstanding the proposed budget reduction and, further, that a series of planned changes to provision would successfully mitigate the impact on service delivery. On that basis it endorsed a draft comment to be presented by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. In addition, the Council delegated to the Chief Minister the authority to approve a comment confirming its opposition to part (b) of the proposition.

Draft Community Provisions (Mortality in Oysters) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (Minister will seek reduction in lodging period under S.O. 26(7)) (P.94/2010)

The Council, having considered a memorandum from the Assistant Minister for Planning and Environment, accepted the need to reduce the lodging period for P.94/2010 in order that the matter might be debated on 19th July 2010.

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

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A3 of 14th January 2010, was pleased to note that the bid to host the Island Games 2015 had been successful and noted the decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources to appoint Mr. P. Austin as Chairman of the Island Games 2015 Organizing Committee.