

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(56th Meeting)

7th October 2010**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources, 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 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  
 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  
 M. King, Chief Officer, Economic Development Department  
 C. Gibaut, Director - Strategic Development, Economic Development Department  
 Mrs. R. Geller, Medical Officer of Health  
 A. Heaven, Head of Health Promotion, Health and Social Services Department  
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Planning and Environment Department  
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager  
 M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States  
 P. Monamy, Acting 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 held on 7th September (Part B only), 9th September (Part B only), 15th September (Part A only), 23rd September (Part A and Part B) and 30th September 2010 (Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 30th September 2010, reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the Second Session of 2010. Particular consideration was given to the following propositions-

(a) **Property and infrastructure regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.73/2010)**

The Council, having noted that the proposition had been listed for debate on 12th October 2010, recognised that an amendment had been lodged 'au Greffe' by Senator B.E. Shenton which sought to substitute in the section headed 'Composition' on page 11, for the words "The Connétable of St. Helier", the words "A member of the States elected by the Assembly with a St. Helier mandate (namely a Senator, the Connétable of St. Helier or a St. Helier Deputy)"; and paragraph 7 (Regeneration Steering Group), the substitution in the section headed 'Composition' on page 11, for the words "A co-opted Connétable for a Parish in which a major regeneration scheme is taking place", the words "A member of the States elected by the Assembly". The Council recognised that the Sub-Panel of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel which was examining the Council's projet had indicated that it would shortly be in a position to finalise its interim report on the matter for presentation to the States. It was noted that the Sub-Panel had stated publicly that it had received less than full co-operation from both the Chief Minister and the Waterfront Enterprise Board (WEB) and that certain requested information had still not been made available to it despite repeated requests. Deputy Noel, one of the members of the States on the Board of WEB, confirmed that the only information not provided in full to the Sub-Panel was a copy of a contract of employment which was considered not to be relevant to the work of the Sub-Panel and to be exempt from disclosure because of the personal nature of the document, It was confirmed however that the WEB Board had met with members of the Scrutiny Sub-Panel to discuss the nature of the contract and a relevant section had indeed been provided to the Sub-Panel. The Council concluded that it would be desirable to await the outcome of a briefing on P.73/2010 which was to be provided to all States members on Monday, 11th October 2010 before determining whether the debate scheduled for the following day should proceed;

(b) **Le Clos Gosset: upgrade of heating system - petition (P.102/2010)**

Further to its Minute No. A1 of 30th September 2010, the Council noted that following further consultation with his constituents, Deputy J.M. Maçon would be withdrawing the projet;

(c) **Composition of the States: Spring Election and move to a 4-year term of office (P.118/2010)**

The Council confirmed that it was not its intention to comment on the proposition, on the basis that each member should make their individual views known during the debate on 12th October 2010 and vote accordingly;

(d) **User Pays charges: use of the trade marks "Jersey Royal or "Jersey Royals" (P.119/2010)**

The Council noted that the proposition was due to proceed to debate on 12th October 2010;

(e) **Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120.2010)**

The Council, having noted that the proposition of Senator A. Breckon had been listed for debate on 12th October 2010, recognised that amendments had been lodged 'au Greffe' by Deputies P.V.F. Le

Claire, C.H. Egré and P.J. Rondel which, respectively, sought (i) to require Board members exercising delegated functions to be referred as “Members with special responsibility for X”; (ii) to require the proceedings of Boards to be recorded by a specific officer working as part of a team of such officers from the States Greffe, who would liaise with relevant departmental officers over the preparation of the agenda and the collation of the necessary supporting papers; and (iii) to require that research assistance be provided for States members, supported by officers from the Scrutiny Section; and that Scrutiny Panels be renamed “Select Committees.” The Council, having considered a draft of a comment on the second and third amendments to be presented to the States by the Chief Minister, agreed that the penultimate paragraph should be revised so as to better reflect the Council’s opposition to the significant resource implications that would arise therefrom;

(f) **Dogs: improved facilities (P128/2010)**

The Council, having noted that the proposition of Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire had been listed for debate on 12th October 2010, recognised that it sought the introduction of better facilities for dogs in Jersey by the creation of enclosed areas set aside for exercising dogs, as well as improvement to the means of addressing dog waste through the provision of an increased number of dog toilets and waste bins;

(g) **Jersey Financial Services Commission: re-appointment of Commissioner and Chairman (P.129/2010)**

The Council noted that the Minister for Economic Development would propose the re-appointment to the States on 12th October 2010.