

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(71st Meeting)

10th February 2011**PART A**

All members were present, with the exception of: Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Minister for Treasury and Resources; Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Minister for Transport and Technical Services; and Deputy S.S.P.A. Power, Minister for Housing, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator T.A. Le Sueur, Chief Minister
 Senator F.E. Cohen, Minister for Planning and Environment
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Economic Development (for item B2 only)
 Senator B.I. Le Marquand, Minister for Home Affairs
 Connétable J.M. Refault, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy J.G. Reed, Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
 Deputy A.E. Pryke, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.C. Lewis, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy I.J. Gorst, Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Connétable K.P. Vibert, Chairman, Comité des Connétables
 W.D. Ogley, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 M. Lundy, Director of Education, Sport and Culture (for item B1)
 C. Anderson, Team Leader – Comprehensive Spending Review (for item B1)
 C. Keir, Manager – Communications Unit (for items B1 and B2)
 K. Posner, Business Change Manager, Education, Sport and Culture Department (for item B1)
 G.C. Powell, CBE, Adviser – International Affairs (for item B2)
 W. Martin, Director – International Taxation (for item B2)
 J. Morris, Policy and Research Manager (for a time)
 J. Norris, Research and Project Officer (for a time)
 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 meetings held on 11th January (Parts A and B) and 27th January 2011 (Parts A and B), having been circulated previously, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Senator A.J.H. Maclean was not present for this item.

States
 business.
 1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 3rd February 2011, reviewed the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly during the remainder of the First Session of 2011. Particular consideration was given to the following propositions –

(a) **Minister for Treasury and Resources: request to Chief Minister**

to lodge proposition for dismissal – petition (P.16/2011) – the Council considered it regrettable that the Minister for Treasury and Resources was essentially being attacked in isolation for having carried out his duties with the full support of the Council and, with particular reference to the Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2011, in clear accordance with democratically taken decisions of the States. On that basis the Council recommended certain revisions to, and subsequently endorsed, a comment to be presented to the States by the Chief Minister. It further agreed to present a brief comment to the States affirming its wholehearted endorsement of the views expressed by the Chief Minister;

- (b) **Esplanade Quarter: deferment of works (P.181/2010)** – the Council endorsed part (b) of the proposition; however, and having reflected on the restrictive and commercially counterproductive implications arising from part (a), it resolved to oppose that part of the proposition. Although part (c) was not opposed it was regarded as superfluous insofar as the Chief Minister would as a matter of course take the necessary steps to apprise the Waterfront Enterprise Board or its successor, the States of Jersey Development Company, of the views expressed by the States. The Council also recommended that the Chief Minister discuss with the proposer options for amending part (a) to mitigate the commercially counterproductive element of the proposition and, in the event that the proposer was not minded to revise his proposition, delegated authority to the Chief Minister to present a suitable comment in the name of the Council;
- (c) **Cold weather payments: amendment to income support (P.4/2011)** – the Council made several minor amendments to the draft comment tabled and delegated to the Chief Minister in consultation with the Minister for Social Security the authority to approve a final draft of the same for presentation to the States. It further noted that Senator B.E. Shenton had lodged an amendment to the proposition proposing that, if adopted, the Council should be charged with reallocating existing cash limits to deliver the necessary funding; and
- (d) **Composition of the States: implementation of remaining Clothier reforms – referendum (P.3/2011)** – the Council approved the tabled comment for presentation to the States.

Senator A.J.H. Maclean was not present for this item.

Minister for
Housing:
nomination.
1444/3(25)

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 3rd February 2011, recalled that the States Assembly would elect a new Minister for Housing during the course of its next meeting on 15th February 2011.

The Council noted and endorsed the Chief Minister's intention to nominate Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier as his preferred candidate.

Senator A.J.H. Maclean was not present for this item.